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NSL CUP

BRISBANE CITY
V.
BRISBANE LIONS

Sunday, 3pm
Perry Park
Referee: D. Monteverde

WEST ADELAIDE

V.
ADELAIDE CITY

Sunday, 2.30pm
Hindmarsh
Referee: J. Rossis

ST. GEORGE
V.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Sunday, 3pm
St George Stadium
Referee: K. Small

MARCONI
V.
SYDNEY CITY

Sunday, 3pm
Marconi Stadium
Referee: R. Lorenc

NEWCASTLE
V.
LEICHHARDT

Saturday, 3pm
Intern. Sports Centre
Referee: J. Reeves

CANBERRA CITY
V.
WOLLONGONG

Saturday, 7pm
Seiffert Oval
Referee: R. Mee

STH. MELBOURNE
V.
PRESTON

Sunday, 3pm
Middle Park
Referee: D. Voutsinas

FOOTSCRAY
V.
HEIDELBERG

Sunday, 3pm
Schintler Reserve
Referee: E. Veniors

Kiwis whack insipid Roos

History does repeat itself. On Sunday — just as two years ago in Sydney — a stunned Melbourne crowd saw an insipid, disorganised and outclassed Australia lose 2-0 to New Zealand.

Les Scheinflug's gamble of building the Soccerroo team purely on last year's forms didn't pay off. Several key players were badly out of touch.

What was even more depressing was that the team lacked a personality, a leader, a character or two to grab hold of the game and infuse some order into the disjointed spare parts.

It's rather pointless to single out any of the players as failures; it was the team, as a unit, which flopped. The side's structure, style and battle plan — if any — all went astray.

There is little doubt that Scheinflug has



Australia's David Mitchell (centre) battling it out with New Zealand stopper Ricky Herbert.

heaps of hard work ahead of him to build or rebuild the national team.

Before the match he said he was "super confident" of winning. So

were most players and fans.

But this confidence was badly misplaced: Australia lost very convincingly to a composed and stylish New Zealand

— which was thrown together at short notice, had no training camp, played no games since the World Cup in June — and eight days earlier even lost its coach...

Under such circumstances, the 2-0 defeat can only be described as shattering if not demoralising.

• See full report inside.

RUDI NEXT DOOR



Former Soccerroo coach Rudi Gutendorf is still active.

After a brief period in Nepal, Rudi will coach the Fijian national side from March 10 to March 31.

Following that, at the personal invitation of the king, he will spend April in Tonga.

He's coming closer...

By Myles Hay

In a massive restructure of the club, Newcastle KB United have been grabbed from the depths of despair ready to take on the best that other National Soccer League sides can produce.

Players have accepted cutbacks in financial terms of around 35%, while coach Ken Kaiser has voluntarily arranged a new contract which sees a 50% drop in earnings.

The old board of directors, which recently saw the resignation of President Harley Dixon and Secretary Dave McQuire, has been completely recast through the emergence of a new board.

This group is headed by Paul Newmark, regional manager of Tooth and Co., the club's main sponsor.

Adamstown Rosebuds Soccer Club, which has underwritten Newcastle KB United's outstanding debts

including an immediate payment of \$16,500 to the NSL, are represented by secretary-manager Pat Clarke and well known soccer identity Bob Cameron.

Two directors of the former board Dave Brown and Ivor Thirwell remain.

Nightly meetings have been held over the past week at a critical stage when there was a threat that the club would fold under its financial burdens.

Questions have been raised about the wisdom of importing two new players from the United Kingdom with the club in such a perilous financial situation.

Secretary of the NSL Stefan Kamasz, a former president of the Northern NSW Soccer Federation had been involved in some of the discussions to solve the problems facing the club.

Two directors of the Northern NSW Soccer Federation, Dave Williams and Alan Tredinnick, will also be represented on the newly formed board.

From the date of its entry into the national league in 1978 Newcastle United have been one of the best supported clubs, averaging more than 10,000 spectators at each of its home matches in that

memorable opening season.

Even last season home crowds averaged around 4,000, which is a much higher figure than for the majority of clubs in the league.

The newly elected board is aware of the need to attract at least another 1,000 spectators to each home game and it is felt in some quarters that emphasis on local youngsters of the calibre of David Lowe, Nigel Drysdale, Howard Tredinnick and Ralph Maier and others will have a beneficial effect on the crowd drawing power of the club.

Rescue for Newcastle

Greedy saves Saints' bacon

St George can thank goalkeeper Terry Greedy for a magnificent performance in their nerve-tingling Ampol Cup final encounter with a revived Marconi at Marconi Stadium on Friday night.

Commanding in the air, sound on the ground and brave in all his actions, it was Greedy as much as anyone who kept Saints in the game as Marconi stormed their citadel for the first hour.

The result, a 1-1 draw, lays the ground for a great replay.

Marconi's dominance turned into a great Dez Marton goal for the Saints, who held sway and seemed to be certain winners until Young Soccerroo skipper Tom McCulloch found an equaliser two minutes from time.

Extra time turned into a harum-scarum affair as Marconi pressed for the winner that narrowly failed to materialise, and players went down with knocks, leaden legs and cramps.

Overall Marconi's fitness was superb. Young Soccerroos Rene Licata, Rod Brown and McCulloch played their part, and the ability of substitutes John Djordjevic and Ian Hunter all but turned the result in their team's favour.

It was a game in which there were heroes galore. Marconi's other youngsters, midfielder Alti Carbone and left-back Joe Rizzotto, did almost everything that could have been expected of them.

Allan Maher made many class saves, Tom Serranni made a few runs of such skill that marks him as a player to watch, and Paul Degney in central defence was a model of well-placed energy and merit in setting up attacks.

At times the Saints swung the ball around with great understanding and near abandon.

Marton went through a period of close marking and emerged to exert tremendous pressure on Marconi, culminating in a goal to be relished when the rest of the match is forgotten. Later he was one of the players who felt the strain of 110 minutes of action-packed football.

By Keith Gilmour

The early phases saw Marconi brilliantly snaring the Saints in their offside trap, a ploy that tended to put the smooth-functioning Saints out of gear.

In this period Carbone and Licata both twice were within a touch of scoring.

Carbone's efforts followed a long throw from the right and then he just missed lobbing Greedy when Saints were caught coming out for a swift strike back at their opponents.

Licata made two individual runs, the second coming after St George right-back David Skeen had lost possession.

Scramble

Throughout this session John O'Shea was generally making a good fist of David Ratcliffe's normal spot as sweeper.

Maher was called upon for a save at full stretch from a delicate Mark Barton shot and Marton swung in some crosses that were scrambled clear by the Marconi rearguard. Half-time 0-0.

Greedy had to be at his peak to keep out Rod Brown, a dangerous deflection and then a Serranni shot to keep his team in the game.

Then followed a tackle in which Marconi's Rick Budini and McCulloch were involved as Mark Barton came down just outside the Marconi box.

Marton's swerving freekick brought the best out of Maher as he dived far across to his left.

St George had the initiative. Skeen's short legs worked like pistons as he flew up the right wing to gain possession and centre the ball.

A great Marton shot came from nowhere and Saints were in the lead.

Marconi coach Doug Collins produced the ace from up his sleeve when he sent Djordjevic out to do battle just four minutes from fulltime in place of Jankovics.

Almost immediately he produced the run that resulted in McCulloch's goal and the equaliser.

In extra time Serranni

master-minded a splendid build-up from which a Hunter backheel just failed to find goal.

Hunter zoomed a shot just over the bar, and in the last session both sides threw everything they had left in a bid to win.

Closest was a well-hit Rod Brown shot from wide left of goal after Djordjevic had scooted ahead to carve the opening. And so the winner of the \$2000 cheque remains undecided until Wednesday's replay.

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, M. O'Shea, J. O'Shea, R. O'Shea, Barton (Papas 80m), Koczka (Feher 105m), Stone, Muscovitis, Wilkinson, Marton.

MARCONI: Maher, Bozanic, Degney, Budini, Rizzotto, Carbone, McCulloch, Serranni, Brown, Jankovics (Djordjevic 86m), Licata (Hunter 75m). CROWD: 5496. (Double-header)

REFEREE: G. Power

Young Kiwi

New Zealand Youth International, Takis Dontozian, an 18-year-old midfielder, wants to play soccer in Australia.

He migrated to New Zealand seven years ago from Greece with his family and has played soccer since the age of 10.

In 1981 he was Wellington City's first grade regular player, and last year he played for the Water-Side team.

The Kiwis Youth national team coach spotted his talent and called him into the team, which participated in the Port Moresby World Youth Cup elimination series with Australia, Fiji and Papua-New Guinea.

Australia beat New Zealand 2-1 and started the glorious journey for Mexico. In the series Dontozian scored two goals and had many good performances.

He came to Sydney hoping to play for Sydney Olympic. Last Friday afternoon he met coach Tommy Docherty, who advised the young Kiwi international midfielder to start playing soccer here with a state League club, or with a NSL club in Melbourne.

Easy does it for Slickers

There was no better player on the field than Croatia's Wally Savor when Sydney City wrapped up the Ampol Cup third prize with a 2-1 win at Marconi Stadium on Friday night.

Savor narrowly missed getting amongst the goals, but he showed excellent vision and the ability to go it alone when the occasion demands.

The game was conducted more as a practice run than as a competitive match. Once again the Slickers are taking time to gather steam, especially with their ace front-runners John Kosmina and David Mitchell away with the national team.

This time it is a case of blending their young English recruits Wayne Reader and Grant Sargeant into the line-up.

Reader, who went on in the 27th minute for injured Jean-Paul De Marigny, had a hand in both goals, a feat he shared with Ken Boden.

In the early stages left-back Ian Bruce had to come up for a shot to show his forwards the way to the goal.

Raul Carrizo, fiery as usual, received a caution from referee Graham Warne. A belligerent Murray Barnes somehow missed seeing the yellow card for dissent.

Reader's 35th minute goal was stabbed in from 10 metres after Boden had

crossed from the right.

Croatia replied within a minute when David Rezo's cross came to Peter Hensman, who beat Tony Pezzano with a looping header.

A sensational run by Carrizo, from which Savor narrowly missed scoring, opened the second half.

Reader's shot was well-handled by the reliable Steve Watson, and then Willie Murray's shot was in but he had handled before shooting.

Then came the winner for the Slickers. Joe Watson's cross was knocked out by a defender to Reader.

Reader baulked to put a defender off balance, and Boden ghosted in from the background to score.

Overall it was another good display from Croatia in spite of their loss, and points to another successful State League season.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Mullen, Robertson, Gomez, Bruce, Murray, Watson, Barnes, Boden, De Marigny (Reader 27m), Lee (Sargeant 57m).

CROATIA: Watson, Kovacic, Tomasic, Basic, Coyne, Woods (Radman 78m), Rezo, Savor, Campbell (Galic 65m), Carrizo, Hensman.

GOALS: 1-0 Reader (35m), 1-1 Hensman (36m), 2-1 Boden (72m).

REFEREE: G. Warne. CROWD: 5496 (double-header).

BLUNTED ARROWS

By Myles Hay

Newcastle KB United may have financial worries but Canberra's deficiencies extended to the playing field when they were thrashed 4-0 in the Prime Minister's Cup at the International Sports Centre last Saturday.

However, Newcastle fielded what will be their full strength eleven as against a depleted Canberra team which lacked Tony Brennan, George Christopoulos, Gary Byrne and Duncan Cole.

It seemed an ideal opportunity or some Canberra players to challenge for regular first team spots, but they failed to grasp their chance with a lack of inventiveness up front and some shoddy backline work.

Still, due credit should not be taken from Newcastle's display, which was workman like and positive.

In a well drilled 4-4-2 system, which is likely to be retained by coach Ken Kaiser, Newcastle kept tight control over Canberra, but were bereft of support for David Lowe in attack.

Lowe worked hard all afternoon, but invariably found himself faced with at least two defenders and generally without support from a team-mate.

However, it would take a most critical supporter to complain about his team when Newcastle swept four goals into the opposition net.

In the 38th minute Bob Mountford turned an Ian Buckley corner into the net after goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski had failed to grasp the high cross.

In the 52nd minute the goalkeeper was again in trouble in dealing with a Buckley cross and Peter Burke headed into the net.

Two minutes later David Jones added goal number three and Hoszowski was immediately replaced by Australian Youth Squad member Chris Hummel.

It was into injury time that Lowe accepted a great ball from Mountford to ram home the final goal.

Early in the second half Terry Byrne and Ian Stone had gone close for Canberra during a spell of lethargic play by Newcastle, which was cruising along on a 3-0 lead.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: 4 (Mountford, Burke, Jones, Lowe) beat Canberra Arrows 0.

Yugal are expecting

Yugal are hoping for a big season this year. The side is in excellent physical condition and are on the verge of success.

Two players from Yugoslavia are currently under negotiation. With this addition, the club will have more depth and strength to combat the season ahead.

NSW STATE OF AFFAIRS

By Andrew Paschalidis

Ku-ring-gai have applied for the use of Chatswood oval. The ground has always been used by the opposite code, rugby union.

This would be a refreshing change for the club. Facilities at the ground are excellent and a capacity crowd of 11,000 spectators could be adequately accommodated.

The club have strengthened their ranks this year with the acquisition of Tommy Gavin (Sydney Olympic), Steve Davidson (Blacktown United) and Stuart Regan (Manly, runner up in the 1982 Rothmans medal).

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Bankstown City will be without the services of Jeffrey Giffin for the complete season. Voted by the club "Player of the Year" last season, a fractured skull has forced his temporary retirement from the game.

This will be a bitter blow to the club as he was ready to take over the sweeper's position in first grade, after starring for the second grade team in their quest for championship honors last year.

Bankstown have resigned talented fullback Alan Beck. This young player has a huge future in the game. Alan's brother David, is the latest signing for the club. He has been groomed during the pre-season for a striker's position. A great year is predicted for him as well.

Skilful forward Johnny Nocera has fully recovered from a broken leg sustained last year. He is full of confidence and dedication, prepared to take on any challenges for the club.

Brett Gilligan is still being hampered by injuries and his future with the club is up in the air.

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Riverwood, who are still having problems finalising a ground, have lost 1982 Rothmans Medal winner John Stoddart. Stoddart's transfer to Blacktown City was concluded last Wednesday night.

★ ★ ★

Blacktown City certainly have no problems when it comes to goalkeepers.

Regular first grade keeper Bruce James is a current Australian representative.

Whenever called up into first grade, Peter Freeman is a capable replacement. Another keeper not mentioned but also with the club is Barry Hoare who has had previous experience in the State and National League with Granville and Leichhardt respectively. Not to be outdone,

15-year-old Craig Allnut is the third grade keeper. A welcome addition is last year U/14 State representative, Antoine Avellino.

It is hoped he will be blooded in third grade at some period of the season.

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Auburn has signed up former Leichhardt player, Tom Kilkelly. Tom will have a big job on his hands. Playing at midfield, it is hoped that he will organise the defence and set up the general play.

The main worry at the club lies in its forward department. A couple of new strikers may join soon.

Auburn is still stricken with injuries. Pat Sullivan has a dislocated shoulder, Ray Carney a broken toe, Tony McDermott a serious knee injury and Bob Allen is out for at least eight more weeks after having his broken arm recast. Most injuries have been the legacy of "friendly" trial games.

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Luciano Nesti, ex-Marconi, Brisbane City and Juventus coach has joined the Hanwood Soccer Club. This club is affiliated with the A.C.T. League competition.

Vice President Bob Maundrell said the club had obtained his services after the now defunct Southern NSW State League was disbanded last year.

As well as Hanwood, Yooagal and Border (Albury) soccer teams have also received clearances to participate in the A.C.T. League.

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Melita Eagles will be fielding their strongest side for their first game in the State League competition.

Alex Jamieson, Don Allen and Bobby McGinn have all recovered from injuries sustained in the Ampol Cup. An added bonus will be the return of their "Player of the Year", Greg McCoy. Greg returns to the side after a holiday.

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Inter Monaro have signed two new players for the coming season. Gorran Curcic has joined the side after having previously played for Avala. R. Popovic has been signed after having played in Yugoslavia.

Talks are currently underway in the quest of signing a First Division player from the South American League.

Monaro has attempted to build a stronger side in the hope of consolidating a high position in the League this year.

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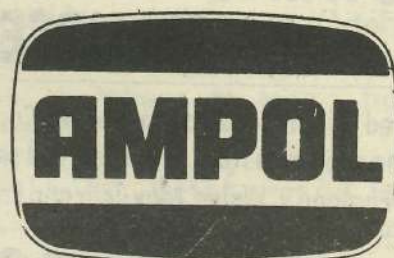
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Mark Koussas in action against Argentina in the 1981 WYC in Sydney.

WORLD YOUTH CUP '83

High altitude major risk for Socceroos

Australia will play in the Youth World Cup under conditions ideal for Himalayan guides and mountain goats.

By Andrew Dettre

Mexico City and Toluca, the two cities where the young Socceroos will appear in the first round, are, respectively, 2200 and 2300 metres above sea level.

Unless players are acclimatised — and this takes up to two weeks — they become leaden-legged after half an hour and feel as if their lungs have been punctured.

You don't believe it? Ask Dr. Brian Corrigan.

At the 1968 Mexico City Olympics he worked overtime to revive distance runner Ron Clarke after his collapse from severe oxygen debt.

If we take the World Youth Cup seriously — and we'd better — it's imperative that our team either goes to Mexico a fortnight before the Cup or spends sufficient time in another high altitude site, such as Colorado, Mt. Remau in the French Alps or even some place in New Zealand.

Without that — and with our usual "hard-running" style — the young Aussies will be sacrificial lambs on an Aztec altar.

The draw, made in Mexico City last week, did not turn out to be unfavorable for Australia.

We have been put in group A, together with Mexico, Scotland and South Korea.

Naturally, Mexico and current European Under-19 champions Scotland will be favorites to qualify for the quarter-finals.

The Mexicans will be a different proposition from the team we beat last year at Acapulco — a sea level resort.

Scotland could be vulnerable, Scottish sides seldom travel well, especially to Latin America.

South Korea's standard is unknown — but they can't be dismissed too lightly.

a poor one 12 or 24 months later.

Argentina in 1979 were brilliant, in 1981 dismal failures.

The only countries which keep producing consistently high quality youth teams are those from the Eastern Bloc where a systematic "assembly line" operates.

The draw for the other group is:

B: Poland, Uruguay, Iv-

ory Coast and USA.

C: Argentina, Czechoslovakia, China and Austria.

D: Brazil, USSR, Holland and Nigeria.

Australia is, undeniably, in the "softest" group — thanks to hosts Mexico being treated as favorite sons.

Of course, they could have just as well "seeded" China or the Ivory Coast with Mexico — but luckily, we drew the long straw.

The opening match on June 2 will be between Australia and Mexico in the stunning Aztec Stadium, built for the 1968 Olympics.

Australia's other two games will be at Toluca, a large provincial city some 150km from Mexico City.

Toluca was also used as a World Cup venue in 1970; it was there that Israel caused a shock by holding Italy to a draw.

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MILPERRA HAD BRIGHT YEAR

The 1982 season saw Lions fielding 26 teams, 22 boys/men and four girls/ladies.

They gained seven premierships, eight minor premierships, three runners-up two association Cup winners and two Association Cup runners-up.

Here is a form guide on some of our most successful sides:

• U6/3 minor premiers/premiers. A near-new team with only three boys who had played before and four of whom were only five.

They scored 57 goals for and three against.

The coach of this team had just turned 16. He obtained his Bankstown Coaching Academy badge before he was 15.

• U7/2 premiers. After winning the 6/3 competition in 1981, these boys were upgraded into 7/2 competition and came in third. To win this they had to do it the hard way in the final and grand final. This team will play 8/1 in 1983.

• U9/1 minor pre-

miers/premiers. They went through their competition undefeated, reaching the final, where they were beaten, but as minor premiers had the right to challenge for a grand final which they won in extra-time. These boys play in the Champion of Champions for Bankstown.

• U9/5 minor premiers/premiers. This team went through the season only losing one game to the semis and then lost in semis. They won the grand final.

• U11/1 minor premiers. This team won their fifth consecutive premiership this year and must be congratulated on their fine efforts. Five boys in this team gained Bankstown representative selection and two boys school region selection.

• U12/4 minor premiers/premiers. It was a credit to the boys in this team winning the premiership and going through undefeated.

• U16/1 minor premiers/premiers. This team has an outstanding record

in eleven years, seven premierships and four runners-up. Unfortunately they were defeated 1-2 by Albury in first round of Champion of Champions.

• AA/1 minor premiers/runners-up. This team played U21 in 1981, winning this age-group and electing to play AA/1 this season. They were beaten in the semis and had to wait to play the grand finals, which after two lots of extra-time was still a draw. The grand final was replayed and unfortunately they went down.

• AA/6 minor premiers/runners-up. This team went through the competition, only losing one game to obtain the minor premiership.

• U12/1 girls runners-up. This team of girls were a mixture of all ages ranging from 9 to 12, as there was no lower competition for them. For their first year in Soccer to come runners-up to a team who had played together for three years was a credit to them.

— C. Pope

Volatile

International soccer at youth level is extremely volatile; the teams change almost yearly, when boys reach 19.

A country may have a great crop one year — and

IS SOCCER LOSING ITS APPEAL?

Less players may produce more spectators

The concern with soccer's future is worldwide. Clubs — among them old, established and illustrious ones — are facing extinction, from Argentina to Zimbabwe.

The game is losing its classic appeal. Crowds are dwindling, the terraces are emptying and clubs are going to the wall. Some of the reasons are sociological and these would deserve perhaps a whole book, not just an essay.

To mention only a few: the enormous 'home entertainment' explosion, the availability of alternatives in recreation, the alienation of the 'average bloke' from today's soccer millionaire stars, etc.

I don't want to deal with these at the moment; I sincerely hope that some of the concerned associations and clubs are quietly doing their homework on the subject, before it's too late.

And in case all the above would tend to put a smirk or two on the face of soccer's rivals, let alone enemies: almost all football codes are in the same boat.

Boring?

But let's talk about soccer as a game.

The frequently heard charge is that soccer today is dull, boring, unentertaining; that systems, ultra-defensive tactics, the life-and-death struggle for the points (vide: success, vide: money) turns soccer into an unarmed conflict.

Coaches and managers — leading a precarious existence at the best of times — get much of the blame for not daring to play more attractive stuff.

But since none of their critics rushes forward with job offers when the axe falls, following some defeats, the majority of coaches play safe and aim at "ugly" wins rather than "lovely and entertaining" defeats.

So what's the solution, if any?

Changes

Most ideas on the subject — and there have been dozens — aim at changing some of the rules of the game.

The Americans have tried to alter the offside rule and introduced shoot-outs — until now when the stern, ultra-conservative International Board of FIFA has forced them to drop these delicacies.

Personally, I doubt if any change in the offside rules would benefit the game. If offside were to be abolished, as suggested

by some people, teams would keep one or two defenders anchored near their goal permanently and the game would not become more "open."

How about enlarging the goals, as suggested by others?

I don't like the idea at all. You could actually double their size and get results as in volleyball or handball, 19-18 and so on — but would that make soccer more appealing?

By Andrew Dettre

Such a system would reward enterprise to the last minute of the match: it would no longer be indifferent whether a team lost 6-0 or 6-2.

At present the two goals in a 6-2 defeat have little or no value; a loss is a loss. But under the new system the two goals would gain some recognition.

room to manoeuvre; the playing area seems larger.

I know this will shock most traditionalists to their bootstraps but I feel that, in this case anyway, less players would make a better game.

Perhaps a goalie and eight field players — make it nine, if you insist — would open up today's horribly congested battlefields, enable the skilful players to move around without a constant harass-

But the unmistakable signs are there that soccer, as part of the mass entertainment industry, is in deep trouble.



In the USA, even glamor girls can't draw crowds any more.

Two ideas

Having pondered these issues for some years, I could think of two major innovations that might help.

One concerns the points system. Some years ago the Greeks — and now the English — have decided to award three points for a win instead of the usual two to encourage more goals.

Even in Australia we had similar ventures, especially in Ampol Cups when extra goals earned extra points.

All this proves that a lot of people suspect some solution in this area.

So why not a radical departure altogether — and abolish the goal difference business, replacing it only by points: every goal scored counts as a point?

In a match which ended in a 3-3 draw both teams would earn three "points" — in a 0-0 game neither would have gained any.

Crowded

The other suggestion I would make concerns the number of players.

Frankly, 10 field players has become a trifle too many. The field suffers from congestion especially these days when physical fitness allows the 20 players to zigzag across the pitch for 90 minutes, at 100 miles an hour.

Physical fitness cannot be increased very much more than it is today — but skill can be.

And yet, in the "modern" game with hair-raising tackles coming thick and fast, even the most skilful players have great problems to create their own pieces of fantasy in the crowded field.

I have noticed many times — admittedly much to my surprise — that fairly dull matches can improve dramatically when a player is sent off from both sides.

All of a sudden there is

ment and provide more of the "old-fashioned" spectacle we once had — when soccer was not nearly as physical and tactical as it is today.

New game

We often claim, with considerable pride, that soccer is so perfect that it needs no changes, unlike other sports.

If it were perfect, it wouldn't face today's frightening and global crisis.

Let's remember also that, until recently, cricket — yes, even Test cricket — was regarded as an anachronism, a left-over from a more genteel age, a slow-motion sport gradually dying.

Then came one-day cricket with its invigorating approach and action — and all of a sudden we have a new ballgame which can be as exciting as a close soccer, basketball or ice hockey contest.

Jimbo Muir, former Adelaide City and Marconi stopper, could be back in Australia later this year.

Now playing in Hong Kong, the former Scottish professional is keen to return to Adelaide.

He has put feelers out for a possible place in a State team line-up, and Azzurri coach Frank Schaper is interested.

Azzurri lost big Barrie Smith back to WA this year, and while John Batchelor has stepped into the breach he is recognised more as a midfielder.

"I have asked Muir's Adelaide contacts to tell him to get in touch with us," said Schaper.

Muir has written to friends about his future, and while he is contracted in Hong Kong until July, he

Muir may return

By Tom McKain

would be willing, and able, to leave earlier if he could find an Adelaide club — and a job.

Muir now holds an Australian passport, and is a free agent as far as his soccer contract is concerned.



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Youth Soccerroo joins Lions

By Greg Russell

After nearly 14 years as an amateur and ignoring several tempting offers over the past 18 months, Queensland's national Youth team midfielder Russell Stewart has finally signed for a National League club.

Stewart, 18, who had played since he was four with Premier League club Mount Gravatt, signed for Brisbane Lions last week.

Although details of the contract were not released, it was obvious Stewart's insistence to say on amateur forms for so long paid off and after returning from Costa Rica with the young Soccerroos, he was in an excellent bargaining position.

"I got what I asked for", Stewart said shortly after signing.

The young hard-working midfielder, with a gifted touch for the ball, said he had opted to sign a contract, "because the time had come to start thinking about the future".

Stewart had bought a piece of land only the previous weekend before Lions made their offer and no doubt he had this in mind when the opportunity arose once again to go professional. But surely the most important factor in Stewart signing for Lions was the realisation that if he wanted to maintain his current good form and his place in the team for the forthcoming World Youth Championship finals — he had to play in the National League.

It is understood national coach Les Scheinflug strongly advised Stewart to go to a NSW club and the youngster certainly made it clear he was open to offers when he arrived back at Brisbane Airport.

He even cleared the air in relation to his walk-

out at Lions after a brief trial there last season.

"I hold no grudges," he said about the incident which occurred after an argument with the then coach Joe Gilroy. Several stories about the disagreement circulated but it is understood it revolved around Stewart's refusal to sign a contract and his questioning being played in the second team.

exchanged with Billy Williamson who is at City.

New signing Boudewijn Degeer, who has not yet made his Australian debut because of an Achilles tendon injury, will take the other forward place and Wright is likely to play behind them.

This could work but it depends on Hogg and Stewart getting through a tremendous amount of



STEVE HOGG

But those problems are in the past and Stewart is now ready to slot straight into the Lions team for the National Soccer Cup first round match against Brisbane City this weekend. City were also negotiating with Stewart but it is believed their offer fell well short of that of Lions.

On present indications Stewart is certain to partner the hardworking Steve Hogg while the third midfielder could be Stewart's youth team-mate Danny Wright.

Lions look set to play with the two big men up front, Calvin Daunt and Barry Kelso, who has been

work. The two played in the midfield for Queensland against Victoria recently but didn't set the game on fire. But there were other factors to take into consideration that day, including the stifling heat.

Lions last week made another signing certain to bolster their chances of finishing in a respectable position — in Scottish defender John Sime. Sime is a perfect replacement for long-time Lions stopper Col Bennett, who is still battling a back injury and has only a slim chance of being fit for the first fixtures.

Sime, 32, began his career with Dundee and played reserve grade there for three years. Then moved to Forfar, where he stayed for four years after which he played with Brechin City for eight years.

Sime, who even looks like a thinner version of Bennett, was forced to step out of top league football when his employment put him on a North sea oil rig. He still attempted to play at Scottish junior level during his two weeks every month off the rig but found it hard to maintain consistency.

After six months on the rig, Sime became disenchanted and decided "to make the break" and emigrate with his wife Jane to Australia. He had been prompted to contact Lions by his friend Graham Smith, who played with the club several years ago.

Sime appears to have settled in quickly at Lions and with his ambition to move to coaching within the next few years, he could prove a valuable signing.

Fresh talent under scrutiny

By Tom McKain

Talent scouts for Adelaide's two National Soccer League clubs, West and City, will have lengthy lists by the end of the Ampol Cup series.

And if coaches Alan Vest and Bobby Ferguson can't sign any of the talent for this season, they will certainly be watching the progress of several players for the future.

Both clubs had been

eyeing Polonia import Jan Kierno since he arrived last year.

And the little midfielder has again shown that he is one of the best generals in the State.

However, we understand that under the arrangement which saw him arrive in Australia, he is tied to Polonia.

Edmund Koza, Polonia's

big, locally-bred striker, is also causing interest, and veteran Henry Kolecki — a midfielder or sweeper — has again had been linked with City.

He had a brief spell with them three years ago.

When it comes to goalkeepers, Azzurri's David Miller, on the verge of selection for the Soccerroos Youth team, is on both clubs' lists.

Miller was with West two years ago, but was transferred in a deal which saw Azzurri's Robbie Dunn join the NSL club as a centre back.

Campbelltown custodian Lou Pivetta is another keeper who could walk into either NSL team if City had no Willie McNally and West was minus Soccerroo Martyn Crook.

Azzurri midfielder Andy Toland was on the NSL shopping lists, but in the end it was Phil Cole, Wally Bojczuk and Stewart Blair who got the nod.

Cole couldn't come to terms with West but Bojczuk and Blair signed for the Hawks.

Azzurri appear to have got under the NSL clubs'

guard by signing Port Adelaide striker George Konstandopoulos.

Perhaps it was lack of cash, but the youngster is obviously going to cause a flurry before the season is out.

And if anyone is looking for a natural winger, Campbelltown's David Edwards is carving up defences and showing a ton of speed.

Para Hills, who produced Joe Mullen for the Youth Soccerroos and is now with City, look to have another potential star in midfielder Keith Ryan.

And striker Jimmy Mitchell and Steve Amos could still walk into any NSL side.

Amos was with West then moved to Brisbane, while Mitchell can't spare the time for NSL training.

Another bright wing prospect is Alby Rich of Croatia, and for a potential striker it is hard to fault his team-mate Paul Blute.

While Beograd are struggling goalkeeper, Tim Atkins is no slouch and midfielder Dragon Kalinovic has been causing ripples under the Hindmarsh Stadium lights.

Qld demand compensation

Queensland could ask the Australian Soccer Federation for financial compensation to cover losses resulting from the recent interstate clash against Victoria.

Takings for the day have not been released but Queensland Soccer Federation President Ian Brusasco has been quoted as saying he expected the QSF to show a loss on the match, which attracted a crowd of less than 1500.

The QSF budgeted \$10,000 for the match but claimed it lost some of its spectacle and promotability when the ASF refused to release national team players who were in camp for the first international against New Zealand.

Victoria, who won the match 2-0, played without Steve Blair and Alan Davidson while Queensland lost Alan Niven to the Soccerroos.

"We made our arrangements well in advance of the ASF. Once we lost the national team players it became a bit negative. We had budgeted on the belief that both States would be able to field their strongest sides. They couldn't and the ASF was to blame," Ian Brusasco said.

The QSF became more determined to seek financial compensation when it learned of the deal worked out with the Victorian Ampol Cup finalists who played their match as a curtain-raiser to last Sunday's return international.

Many factors contributed towards the poor turnout for the interstate match — the State's 100th and the first promotion for

the State's Soccer Centre. They included only limited promotion by the QSF and a general disinterest from large sections of the Brisbane media.

Greg Russell.

No to Fab

Heidelberg coach Ken Morton has ruled out any interest in left winger Fab Incantalupo, the Young Soccerroo from Juventus who is keen to move to National League club.

"I'm quite happy with the way Mike Valentine is playing on the left side and striker is the only position I'm trying to strengthen," Morton said.

The club would have been interested in Wollongong striker Roy Cotton but has been told the player is not for sale.

Incantalupo had talks with Heidelberg at the start of the 1981 season but the deal fell through because the club was not willing to pay the \$15,000 fee placed on his head by Juve.

Heidelberg is now talking to Manchester United striker Peter Bodak and Morton, who has connections at United, is hopeful of luring the player out on loan for up to six months.

To accommodate Bodak Morton will need to create a temporary visa vacancy at the club.

He has already been to the Emigration Department with centre back Don MacLeod in an attempt to gain permanent residency status for the defender.

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A.C.T. juniors getting busy

By Steve Burns

The A.C.T. Junior Soccer League has solid plans to improve the image of junior soccer in the A.C.T.

League President Lindsay Parkyns said the League was determined to lift the standard of administration and promotion of the junior game which now has over 5,000 participants in the national capital.

"In future, day-to-day decision-making will be undertaken by an Administrative Committee comprising executive officers of the Junior League.

"This will greatly streamline the decision-making process which, in the past, has been both tedious and cumbersome.

"Nevertheless, controversial issues or matters of policy will still be referred to the full Junior League Management Committee for consideration," Parkyns stressed.

Members of the Administrative Committee in 1983 are: chairman Lyndsay Parkyns, deputy chairman Allan McKendry, secretary Liz Gardiner, treasurer Ian Maxwell, assistant secretary Barry Rumble, players registrar Bill Bowron and points registrar Geoff Siggs.

The chairman of the junior youth sub-committee is Ted Oriel, chairman, mini soccer Jim Tate, while Ian Hutchinson would act as referees' liaison officer and Jeff Read would co-ordinate arrangements for grounds and fixture lists.

On the promotional side, Parkyns said: "In previous years media coverage of junior soccer locally was poor compared with other sports.

"We accept it as our responsibility to publicise soccer and will be making strong efforts to rectify the situation.

Coke round

The final rounds of the Grange Thistle Coca-Cola pre-season tournament will be played at Lanham Park this weekend (March 5 and 6).

The competition, a fixture of the Queensland pre-season for the past few years, has once again provided an interesting insight into many of the Premier League and National League clubs that have participated.

Ten teams in two groups have been participating with the top teams in both groups after this weekend's matches going into the final on March 12.

Grange Thistle, the host club, entered two teams this year and prior to this weekend's matches both stood a good chance of at least reaching the play-off for third if not the final, which is worth \$1,500 to the winner.

This weekend's matches are: Friday, March 4 — Thistle (No.2) v Easts: 6.30 p.m.; Lions v North Star, 8.30 p.m.; Saturday, March 5 — Bardon v Sunnyside, 5 p.m.; Brisbane City v Olympic, 7 m.

"For example, we will continue, in conjunction with the ACT Director of Coaching, Les Bee, to promote MacDonald's Superskills.

"The Superskills program is one of the most exciting and imaginative programs introduced in recent years to develop playing skills and MacDonald's are to be congratulated for their initiative and imagination."

The Junior League will also be closely involved with Canberra Arrows, the National Soccer League team in the promotion of junior soccer in 1983.

"In this regard a pre-season soccer party was held recently at the Macquarie Swimming Centre, Macquarie. There will also be a March Past of all Junior League teams prior to the Arrows first home match of the season at Bruce Stadium on Saturday March 19.

"The Arrows will also hold a Club Day each home match this season where a junior club will be guest for the day and will have competitive matches on the Bruce warm-up pitch while mini-soccer on the main arena will feature in the match program."

National Soccer League club Canberra Arrows has introduced an innovative Canberra Arrows Sports Scholarship — a plan other NSL clubs could well emulate.

And their first signing under the scholarship plan appears a real find.

He is 16-year-old Papua-New Guinean Manus Lamond, a tall, wiry-built striker who led Canberra's youth team attack against Blacktown's youth squad in a friendly game in Canberra recently.

The Arrows won 4-1 — and Lamond slammed in a hat-trick and also laid on the fourth goal.

Spotted by Arrows' youth team coach Stuart Devlin while playing in Queensland, Lamond was asked whether he wanted to join the Arrows.

"The lad is soccer mad. All he wants to be is a professional player," said Devlin.

Lamond, who played representative soccer for Queensland from Under-13 to Under 16, was attending boarding school in Cairns when approached by Arrows' President, Charles Perkins.

The scholarship plan involves the club assisting with the boy's accommodation and education expenses.

He is now a student at Canberra's Copeland College.

Adelaide morsels

By Tom McKain

Some other coaches are looking at the back four Eric Norman can field for Campbelltown in the SA Ampol Cup.

Full back Mal Richardson is the smallest at 6ft. His partner, young Richard Parsons, is 6ft 1in, stopper Les Matiscsak, another youngster, is 6ft. 4in., and sweeper Marcel Barendregt is 6ft. 2in.

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The latest chapter in the continuing saga of Neil Banfield is that he could be back in time for Adelaide City's final minor round Ampol Cup match against Campbelltown.

The England Youth team defender told coach Bobby Ferguson last week he was almost ready to leave the UK where he has been holidaying with his parents.

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Adelaide City are still interested in Nello Borges.

When, and if, he returns from his South American trip, the SA club will be talking to Sydney City.

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Relief for West Adelaide winger Graham Heys.

He came through an Ampol Cup match and then a trial game with no soreness in his back.

Arrows find a young gem

By Steve Burns

Said Stuart Devlin: "He is an exciting prospect but he should not, and cannot, be pushed too quickly. Already there is talk of him in the NSL this year.

"In my view that would be too soon. Like all players he can be pushed — but not too quickly."

The Arrows are now making plans to extend the sports scholarship plan.

Happy on crutches

Ex-Brisbane and now Canberra stalwart, Paul Ontong, must be the happiest soccer player on crutches this week. Yes, crutches.

Ontong, the terrier of Canberra's backline, underwent surgery in Melbourne recently for a serious knee injury and has been out of action for some months.

Last week, however, despite the crutches, he was told the operation was a success and already he has resumed light training.

But will he be fit for the first game of the 1983 season?

No, but he's determined to make himself available for Canberra's home game against his old club — Brisbane Lions — on March 19.

Perkins cool on A.I.S. role

By Steve Burns

Canberra Arrows' President Charlie Perkins has blasted Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) soccer coach, Jimmy Shoulder's plan for a Federally-funded Institute team to compete in the NSL as 'ill-conceived, unrealistic and unacceptable'.

"Soccer is a man's game and boys have to grow up. They can't live in a protected atmosphere.

"They have to compete with men actively and once they are past 19 years of age they should be in open age soccer.

"So many of them have already proved that they can compete and can play NSL soccer.

Unrealistic

Perkins said he also believed it was unrealistic to

think players of 20 and 21 would want to stay at the Institute on scholarships.

"What about those who work, who have to work," Perkins asked.

"And does the Institute then get involved in transfer-fee wrangling or does it just let players go free to the club they most want to play for?"

"For these and a host of other reasons I think the plan unrealistic and unworkable.

"I don't think it will get off the ground.

"I have spoken to four or five clubs about it and they are totally opposed to it."

Perkins said he could only see a version of the plan working if top class regional soccer was introduced.

"And this could come," he said. "But even then, no one would want players held past the 20 or 21 years old mark."



Charlie Perkins

Shoulder's plan, outlined in ASW a fortnight ago, was for the second team to be made up of players under 23 years of age and for players to also obtain Federal Government scholarships as already applied to the present AIS youth squad.

That team would then compete in the National Soccer League.

"The second team would only be the culmination of what a soccer presence at the Institute was all about — a permanent home for the best squads in Australia," Shoulder said.

He added that he was confident that funds would be forthcoming to enable the Under-23-team to be lodged at AIS.

"After all, by 1984 the Institute will have some of the best permanent soccer facilities in the world."

But Charlie Perkins lashed back that if the plan went ahead Shoulder would be clearly breaching the guidelines under which the Institute was inaugurated.

"AIS was set up to be a breeder and a receiver of talent.

"It would take players and groom them and allow them to return to their clubs or districts," Perkins said.

Support

But how did he explain away coach Shoulder's comment that only some 20 percent of all youngsters who had passed through the Institute had contracts with clubs.

"The Institute has to have the support of clubs if it is to survive in the longer term," Perkins said.

"This proposal to hold the cream of Australia's young talent for four or five years is ludicrous.

"The clubs will just refuse to back the Institute if it continues. It is marvellous to have the intensive coaching coupled with academic study for a year or two but for longer it is out of the question.

"What club is going to give their best players to the Institute if they aren't going to get them back for so long?"

"I am also opposed to Federal funds being used to play a team in the National League. Such a team should be community or district based and attract supporters, it shouldn't be run with taxpayers' money.

"In theory the scheme may sound good, but in practice it won't work.

"It molly-coddles players.

Shellharbour player-coach John Bingham has been a busy man in the last few weeks.

He started pre-season

NEWS FROM ILLAWARRA

By Phil Murphy

Jock Morlando has ended a controversial career in the national league with Wollongong City by signing with neighboring Fairy Meadow.

One of the most talented juniors to emerge in the region in years, Morlando seemed to have what it takes to do well in the big time.

Something went wrong, because he had only a handful of appearances and was replaced in most of them.

Many people say the young midfielder had the wrong attitude to the game while others say coaches Ken Morton and Willie Wallace never really left him in the side long enough to show what he could do.

Morlando says he has a lot to prove now he has joined Fairy Meadow.

"I'm disappointed to have left the Wolves but I want to get a regular game and try to show just what I can do," he said.

"I believe coach Mike Johnson and the Fairy Meadow side can do well this season and we certainly have the depth to be a big show of promotion."

Ironically for Morlando, he turned out for his new club in the first round of the Umbro Cup and was replaced.

Things can only get better . . .

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training with his club but also tried out as a player with both Wollongong City and Fairy Meadow.

A skilful ball player who learned his trade as a professional in England, Bingham came here to join Safeway United a few years back after leaving Stockport.

A specialist in dead-ball situations and a very intelligent midfielder, Bingham would set himself a hard task coaching Shellharbour and playing elsewhere.

He is serving the third term of a three-year contract at Shellharbour this season and the club is more than happy with what he has done.

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Illawarra judiciary members will be planning their strategy early this year in a bid to prevent the ridiculous situations that have developed in recent seasons.

Last season more than 70 players were sent off in Illawarra games — evidence that there is a sickness in the sport that must be cured at all costs.

Players blame the poor standard of refereeing but it doesn't matter what sport you play, the referee or umpire has the final say.

Judiciary chairman Derek Hart reports the fines of \$20 imposed on players for send-offs have made no difference at all to the statistics.

"We will discuss the situation before the season gets underway and I have one or two ideas to put in the melting pot," he said.

"On the fines, players

don't really worry too much because some clubs pay them.

"We feel this is wrong and the clubs are virtually condoning what the player has done.

"Some of the incidents can only result in referees giving the game away and we don't have enough to go around as it is."

Hart and his committee are determined that 1983 will be the year of the "axe" for players who continually break the rules.

It could be that a lot of pre-season training has been wasted if any of the bad boys of Illawarra soccer get their marching orders in the first few games.

Don't be surprised if certain players find themselves sitting on the sideline for as long as eight weeks.

It sounds tough but it will be worthwhile if it solves the problem.

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Fairy Meadow's aboriginal striker Macca Davis must surely have created some kind of record in the opening round of the Umbro Cup against Wollongong United recently.

Davis, the club's leading goalscorer in reserve grade last season, impressed when given the opportunity in first grade.

Coach Mike Johnson used him as a replacement against United and he was no sooner on the field than he scored a goal.

He grabbed another to help Fairy Meadow race to a 4-1 lead but then upset the referee and was shown the red card.

Confidentially...

Even on the morning after a tough international match, the Socceroos don't enjoy a lie-in. We phoned their Auckland hotel last Wednesday around breakfast time to be told: "They're out training."

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Brazilian Agenor Muniz seems to be the forgotten man of Sydney soccer.



Injury plagued Agenor's career with Sydney City but, at 30, he is now fit again and looking for a new club.

State League club Melita Eagles looked like signing him but said they couldn't afford the \$3,000 transfer fee, and wanted Muniz on loan.

Sydney City didn't fancy the idea. Some Slickers fans insist Muniz is still the club's best midfielder.

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When John Constantine quit the Sydney Olympic presidency, the wise guys said he'd be back very quickly.



Not so. Constantine has plenty on his plate, with his solicitors practice, directorship of the GIO, Ethnic Council

duties and... coaching his young son's soccer team.

"I have no plans to go back to Olympic," he said, adding, "I'd find it hard working with the present committee."

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The Paul Kay saga is over. The young midfielder, back from 18 months in England with Charlton Athletic, has signed for Sydney City.

City boss Eddie Thomson was first in the field for Kay, phoning the boy in London as soon as he knew Kay was getting a free transfer.

Cash problems prevented Thomson getting his man and it was said Kay would join Marconi. That fell through as did a reported move to South Melbourne.

Last week all worked out well when Paul Kay became a City Slicker.

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A well-known Sydney midfielder is having trouble finding a new club.

Maybe he should drop his asking price. The player wants \$6,000 to sign plus \$400 a match.

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Eddie Thomson was in a bit of a bother last week. Following a fairly controversial story which appeared under his name in a Sunday newspaper, he was called before the Sydney City committee with a "please explain" ukaze.



Eddie did explain... blaming his ghostwriter for twisting the meaning of his complaints about the new club administration. Explanation accepted.

Adelaide City strong man Brian Northcote has again broken down.

The midfielder is receiving treatment for an old groin injury which appeared to have been cured following an operation.

He may now be out until the NSL kicks off.

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South Australia could have two players in the Socceroo Youth squad for the World Cup finals in Mexico in June.

Joe Mullen, (Adelaide City) who missed the Costa Rica games because of an ankle injury is again fit; and coach Les Scheinflug is known to be interested in the form of goalkeeper John Miller, playing for State champions Azzurri.

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Former Leeds United goalkeeper Brian Williamson has joined Mount Druitt Town's coaching staff.

When he asked club officials how they knew his phone number, they said: "We saw it in a news item in Australian Soccer Weekly."

Williamson commented: "Everyone reads ASW!"

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Socceroo coach Les Scheinflug rarely criti-

cises his players but there's no doubt he was unhappy with goalkeeper Martyn Crook's performance in Auckland against New Zealand.



With the inexperienced Bruce James as Crook's number two, Australia could be facing a goalkeeping headache this year.

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Yellow cards have already hit two NSL stars.

In their first matches in the SA Ampol Cup, West's Graham Heys was booked; then Adelaide City's Glenn Dods had his name taken.

The cautions carry over to the national competition.

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Some players complain about having to train three or four times a

week but training is no chore for Sydney Olympic star Peter Katholos and up-and-coming starlet Terry Pasalas.

The pair train together every day of the week. Olympic publicity officer Johnny Thomson says: "It must be the Greek background — the Australian players are rarely so dedicated to training."

Endacott to Albury

Neal Endacott has been a great asset to Newcastle schools' soccer, as a player, coach and supporter.

With his teaching appointment to North Albury his loss will be felt not only by Newcastle United but by the schools as well.

As a casual teacher he coached the Cardiff High School's Tasman Cup side last year with pleasing results.

Albury High has done well in the Bill Turner Cup over the last two years.

This year with Neal's help it could be North Albury's turn.

Players must help in image building

By Tom Anderson

The new breed of soccer player that has emerged with the success of the Young Socceroos in the World Youth Cup could be the tonic the game here in Australia has been searching for.

For in this World Youth Cup Final squad we have some real world class stars and players capable of be-

coming real heroes in the eyes of the Australian sporting public.

Over the years — at least since we qualified for the World Cup in 1974 — the game has been without heroes and real playing personalities.

And, if "Project '86" is

going to become a complete success then we must have our heroes and personalities on the playing field.

Whenever the subject of heroes and personalities is aired and debated the media are blamed for not projecting and promoting

players and coaches into household names.

In some cases this may be justified, but on a wide basis I cannot agree.

The real reason for the lack of personalities in our game over the past 10 years had been the system itself.

For some unknown reason the press and media have been put "off limits" to the players by club officials.

Players and coaches have been gagged and taken to task for airing their views and making statements in the press and on TV.

The end result is that the majority of Australian soccer players have become a breed of introverts and this has not been good for the game.

The sporting public want their heroes and given them will come back to watch soccer.

Also it is an in built feature Australian way of life to idolise and adore the youth of the country.

Everybody loves a young hero and a winner.

Champions

Now in young champions-such as Tommy McCulloch, Jim Patikas, David Lowe, Rod Brown, Robbie Slater, Ray Vlietstra and Russell Stewart we have the

players to capture the imagination of the fans.

These youngsters have bright personalities, can handle themselves in conversation and above all are very fine players.

To be a football hero is not an easy task!

A player has to make his way to the top of the international ladder, become a big success with his club and in doing so withstand the jealousy and hatred that success in Australian football brings.

The star must be a keen competitor at all times, have a winning instinct on the field and not a man who does not accept defeat easily.

He must also be a good team man as he will not succeed being a complete individualist.

He must also have the ability to have self control and self-discipline at all times on the field, for the bigger the star and hero the more "violence" and hard tackling he will attract from the opposition.

The modern day hero must also have a personality that can withstand the tremendous pressures that are brought to bear on the modern day footballer.

The youngsters that I named earlier have these qualities, that have been tested and tried in pressure cooker conditions in Mexico and Costa Rica.

Also it must be reminded the coaches of the players must take a hand in the development of the stars.

Knowing when to motivate, protect and bully them on to greater deeds.

National coach Les Scheinflug has this magic and handles his youngsters to perfection.

The star of the international series in Acapulco

last November was undoubtedly Jim Patikas and the Mexican press and electronic media loved Jim and latched on to his every movement.

Like Charlton

And why not, for Patikas for my money has the magic that was previously the hallmark of the great Bobby Charlton.

When Jim Patikas makes his electrifying runs from midfield the crowd buzz with excitement and expect an onslaught on the opposing goal.

The Patikas' magic on the burst from midfield is something that has long been missing in Australian football...since Johnny Warren, perhaps.

Young Socceroo captain Tommy McCulloch is nearly the complete player and has all the qualities of a young Franz Beckenbauer.

His reading of the game as a sweeper is excellent and his breaks from defence and long sweeping passes are poetry in motion.

Saints Robbie Slater on the other hand is a fast raiding winger who thrills the crowd with his speed on the right and his aggressive play is a joy to watch.

Rod Brown is a finisher and a player who does not know how to give less than 100 per cent.

Also his courage in competing for a ball is just marvellous.

Young David Lowe, in my opinion, is the player Newcastle have been crying out for since they transferred Kenny Boden.

Lowe is a brilliant goal

scorer and a thoroughly exciting performer.

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Promoted

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Indeed, these players along with the complete World Youth Cup final squad are real and true young champions.

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Les wants to stick to his old guard

By Fred Villiers

From what we saw of the Socceroos at Melbourne's Olympic Park, on Sunday Australia has a long, long road to the 1986 World Cup finals.

After New Zealand's 2-0 humiliation of national coach Les Scheinflug's side, he said, "There is no need to panic. I will stick with the team until such time I have players who can do better."

"This is the name of the game. It is no good throwing players out if we don't have anything better."

Scheinflug said the match was a lesson to him and the Socceroos as he is building and planning for the next three years.

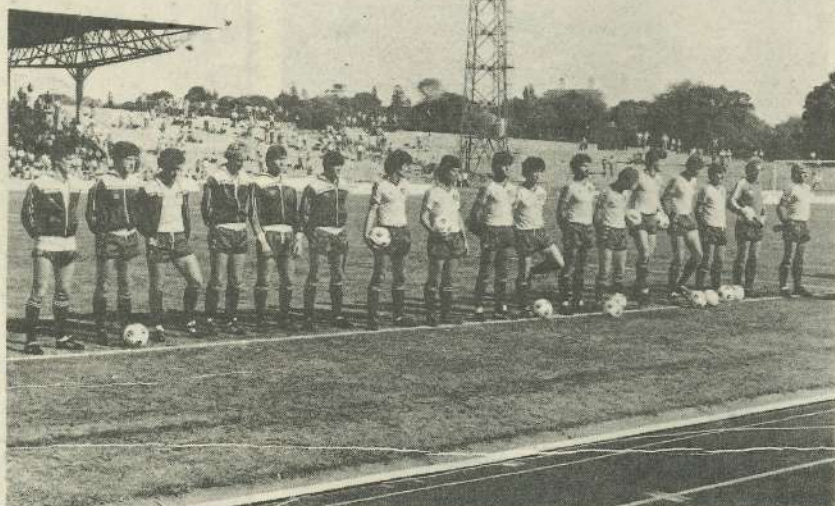
"The lesson for us is simply to put the ball in the net. I don't think New Zealand looked a better footballing side than us. I think Australia has something to build on. They can play football. All we have to learn is to put the ball in the net."

"It is a very funny game. Nothing bounced for us. Wherever the ball bounced it bounced to a New Zealand player."

When asked why Australia lost he said because of the mistakes of our defenders.

Scheinflug said he had the basis of a good side but they had to learn to be more positive in front of goal.

It was difficult to select a best player from the Socceroos. They did nothing to excite the crowd. In fact



Australia before Sunday's game.

they received the slow handclap during the match — once in the first half and again in the second.

If one had to pick a best play of a poor bunch, Peter Katholos would get the nod. But the writing was on the wall when Scheinflug pulled off experienced skipper John Kosmina and replaced him with Marshall Soper who did no better.

New Zealand made their two goals look easy. The first came in the 65th minute — a low shot Duncan Cole — and the second 15 minutes from end. Brian Adam beat Martyn Crook when our defence was tied up in knots trying to spot another fast breakaway.

The Kiwis are good at this. They move with such speed in attack they make our defenders look like carthorses in slow motion. Alan Niven and Alan Davidson couldn't hold the pressure the Kiwis piled on in the second half. New Zealand's target men were relentless with their onslaught.

And the Kiwi's keeper, Barry Pickering, played so well he never looked like being beaten. What a fine goalie this player is. He certainly knows his craft.

Other top Kiwis were Keith Nelson, one of the veterans of the side, Ricky Herbert and Duncan Cole. Socceroo David Mitchell tried continuously to break through the Kiwi's back line. So did Peter Katholos who frequently found himself clear. But he couldn't beat the brilliant Pickering.

Phil O'Connor made some nice moves with Mitchell but again there was no finish. The Australians lacked a midfield general. They had no stability in defence and the result proved that previous Tuesday's Kiwi victory in Auckland was no fluke.

If anything was learnt from this game it must surely be we will never

make it to the World Cup unless we produce a few more Jim Tanseys, Jim Rooneys, Peter Wilsons and Manfred Schaefers.

Lessons

To be outclassed by a team of New Zealand imports who were prepared with a handful of dollars compared with the millions being spent on our squad, surely must be a lesson in itself.

Scheinflug has produced a super youth team which has already grabbed the glory by making it to Mexico next June. With three years to go for the World Cup we maybe taking on too much in too little time.

The young Socceroos could be a better proposition, not in three years, but in seven. They could just about be ready for the 1990 World Cup.

AUSTRALIA: Martyn Crook, Alan Davidson, Alan Niven, Steve Blair, David Ratcliffe, Gary Byrne, George Christopoulos, Peter Katholos, John Kosmina (Marshall Soper), Phil O'Connor, David Mitchell.

NEW ZEALAND: Barry Pickering, Ricky Herbert, Duncan Cole, Keith McKay, Keith Nelson (McClure), Ron Armstrong, Alan Boath, Ken Cresswell, Adrian Elrick, Steve Woodin, Grant Turner.

REF: Jack Johnston (Tasmania).

Linesman: Marick Monont, Jim Fearn.

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Nepean 0, Western NSW 0; St George 3, Ku-ring-gai 0; Manly 1, Bankstown 1; Illawarra 6, Southern Dists 0; Granville 2, Sutherland 2; Gladesville 3, Canterbury 0.

Kiwis score twice from throw-in

By a special reporter

The Socceroos went down again to the Kiwis in Auckland — thanks to two throw-ins...

In the 38th minute a Duncan Cole long distance throw caused havoc in the Australian defence and Ken Cresswell was on hand to slam the ball in.

This was the equaliser, following John Kosmina's well taken goal in the 36th minute.

Then, in the 70th minute, the Kiwis gained another throw-in. Duncan Cole's ball from the touchline sailed in on a high trajectory.

Half a dozen players jumped at the near post — and David Ratcliffe, squeezed and shoved, got his head to it — and own goal.

This was anything but a great match: both teams played well below their best, partly due to the swirling wind at the Mt Smart Stadium.

But teams that come to Auckland must always count on a strong wind; they're lucky to escape an earth tremor or two.

Down 2-1, the Socceroos surged forward to salvage at least one point.

Just before fulltime Alan Niven's drive was goal-

bound — then ricocheted off a defender and was somehow pushed clear by goalie Barry Pickering.

Few of the Australians really impressed while some had an outright shaky game.

Goalie Martyn Crook, who has waited long enough to make the team after the demise of Maher and Woodhouse, was a huge disappointment.

Possibly Peter Katholos was the pick of the team, with his dynamic runs and occasional flashing long distance shots.

"New Zealand deserved to win," said Australian coach Les Scheinflug after the game.

"True, they carved their goals out of nothing — but they got them."

"After the New Zealand equaliser my team went through a jittery period."

"Just as we were about to gain the upper hand, came that tragic own goal."

NEW ZEALAND: B Pickering, A Boath (captain), A Elrick, R Herbert, D Cole, K McKay, G Turner, K Cresswell, A Metzger (sub 83m P Henry), K Nelson, R Armstrong.

AUSTRALIA: M Crook, A Davidson, A Niven, S Blair, D Ratcliffe, G Byrne, G Christopoulos, P Katholos, J Kosmina (captain), P

O'Connor (sub 67m M Soper), D Mitchell.

SCORERS: Kosmina (36), Cresswell (47), Ratcliffe (og — 70).

China OK for Oct.

The Peoples Republic of China has accepted the invitation to play in the Australian October tournament.

Uruguay and Cameroon will also compete along with Australia.

Discussions have been held to enable the Sydney matches to be played at Belmore Oval, which is extremely well placed to cater for huge numbers of Sydney's soccer fans.

The ground is handy to Sydney's inner west and eastern suburbs and its rectangular form and closeness to play for spectators would be a boon.

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By Fred Villiers

LaTrobe Valley, the cradle of Victorian soccer, may soon become the Cinderella of the game.

The rich brown coal area, which has more migrants per population than any other part of the State, could be left out in the cold as far as soccer is concerned.

According to Dick Bosma, secretary of the LaTrobe Valley Soccer League, the Victorian Federation is neglecting the needs of the valley where the game has been making rapid progress in recent years — giving rival code, Aussie Rules, something to worry about.

Since local glamor club, Morwell Falcons, was promoted to the State League by the VSF last season, their home games have attracted a large following including players from the LVSL who have been anxious to learn from more experienced players.

The problem is, the VSF have allocated Falcons six Sunday home games this year but the LVSL also play their games on Sunday.

Falcons have asked Bosma if he can change LVSL games from Sunday to Saturday so that they can attract bigger crowds. But Bosma says he can't do this because about 100 junior teams play on Saturdays.

"The total neglect of the VSF when it concerns country soccer is staggering," said Bosma. "Last year we had Yallourn and Falcons playing at home on the same days robbing Yallourn of at least \$300 gate money plus canteen profits.

"This year Falcons will miss out in a bigger way because 80 per cent of our players attend their games. Supporters of our local clubs go to watch Falcons when they play on Saturday.

"It makes me wonder about the interest in fostering country soccer. I don't believe they care one hoot. Apparently the clubs in the State League object to

Dowie dropped

Footscray has abandoned plans to sign John Dowie from Doveton and switched its attention overseas for a top recruit.

Coach Bobby McLachlan has already been in touch with a player "far better than anything available locally" but he has problems as all his temporary visa spots are taken.

Recruit Joe Carroll will fill one spot when he's given clearance by the Migration Department to return from England.

Gus MacLeod, the signing from Green Gully, occupies another although he is expecting to gain permanent residency status in the near future.

The other spot is taken by Vlado Pijevaljic, a costly import from Yugoslavia midway through last season, who has only played 10 games for the club.

McLachlan has placed him on the transfer list and the player has stopped training at the club.

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playing in Morwell on Saturday, and I feel those so-called professional pretenders should not have been asked but told to play on Saturday: after all, it is only once a year the Metropolitan League teams go to the country.

"We can only learn from better players and referees by watching them as often as possible and due to short-sighted stupidity we miss out on this.

"It's time this lot washed the big smoke out of their eyes. Otherwise we in the country will be left behind and as is proved in Victorian Rules football, the country can and will provide top players when given the chance.

"But soccer club administrators in Australia don't look past their noses and keep one eye firmly closed when club interest comes into it," said Bosma.

Green Gully romp home

By Con Nikolopoulos

Victoria's State League Champions, Green Gully, are back on the glory trail.

Last Sunday at Olympic Park, they humiliated a disjointed Heidelberg United to win their third Ampol Cup in four seasons, winning an amazing 5-0.

Vastly superior, the champions took control of the game right from the start and hammered Heidelberg until the final whistle.

Gully held an advantage over the opponents. Their coach Len McKendry knew every detail about his opposition, having served Heidelberg for a number of years, and used the right tactics to penetrate Heidelberg's defence.

Gully mounted more of their attacks through the centre, and met very little resistance from Don McLeod and John Zenden.

Bobby Toal and Paul Lewis were tearing gaps in Heidelberg's defence causing havoc in Olver's area.

Although Toal and Lewis posed the major threats to Heidelberg's defence, it was Smallman who finished off the demoralised opposition.

Apart from setting up the first goal with a perfect long ball to Paul Lewis, Smallman scored two superb goals himself, making Olver hang his head in shame.

GREEN GULLY: Denny, Peter Lewis, Hogben, Short, Cannell, Boyle (Grechian), Paul Lewis, Vassallo, Toal, Smallman, Williams.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McMillan, Yankos, Zenden, McLeod, Selemidis, Campbell (Petersen), Spanos, Cole (Patton), Valentine, Lea.

Drama in the air

Some 20 minutes out of Melbourne on the Sunday 8pm flight, Australian captain John Kosmina suddenly collapsed.

His head fell on his chest, his face went white — and his right arm and leg became paralysed.

We were just served supper when Kosmina let out a small cry in the seat right in front of me.

At first I thought he had air sickness; David Ratcliffe and Phil O'Connor in front of him turned around and cracked some joke about the quality of the supper.

But very quickly the humour vanished — and concern grew for the stricken player.

We ordered ice for his forehead and chest; a stewardess and I began to massage his arm. It felt cold.

He couldn't move his right arm or leg at all though he said — being conscious all the time — that he wasn't numb, just without any muscular power.

Andrew Dettre



Barbaresso — worn here by Alan Evans — may be replaced by a new sponsor.

SOUTH COULD END UP WITH NEW SPONSORS

By Con Nikolopoulos

The "winning combination", South Melbourne-Barbaresso Oyzo, may dissolve in the weeks to come.

Remy and Associates, producers of Barbaresso Oyzo, which has become the official sponsor of the Melbourne Club the last four years, is reviewing its commitments, and South Melbourne officials have expressed fears about a possible discontinuation of the happy association.

Club president Leo Anezakis told the Australian Soccer Weekly that "in

spite of frequent inquiries, his committee has not received a firm commitment from Barbaresso. We have been told the company is reviewing its budget and that their decision will be communicated to us in due course."

Pending the decision of Barbaresso, South Melbourne have refused to discuss offers by other commercial enterprises.

A well known food producing company has made approaches, but the Committee has ruled out the possibility of entering negotiations, before the final reply from Barbaresso.

Lewis stays put

By Peter Desira

Green Gully has put an end to rumors that its leading striker Paul Lewis will join a National League club.

"Everybody is interested in Lewis but we've got no intention of selling him," Gully President Guy Spiteri said yesterday.

"No permission has been granted to any club to interview him and we're intent on keeping all our players."

Lewis has a year to run on his contract with the club.

Meanwhile new skipper Peter Lewis has completed negotiations and signed a new one-year agreement.

And the club only has three more players yet to renew contracts — Jim Williams, Stuart Cannell, and Kit Grechian.

The president says that Williams and Cannell are formalities as terms have already been agreed on.

Cannell, a Victorian State representative, attracted an offer from Marconi during the close season, but it fell far short of Gully's valuation of the player.

"In the long term he is better off staying with us," said coach Len McKendry.

"The National League will be regionalised and with the club's stable administration I see Green Gully becoming one of the elite clubs of the country in a few short years."

SINGLE SHOTS

By Peter Desira

Len McKendry has earned the reputation of a hard task master and a coach who is not easily pleased by his side's performances.

Welsh international David Smallman understands why this is so now that he is playing under McKendry at Green Gully. "We beat Corio 8-0 in a practice match recently yet he still had us in the rooms for half an hour on the Monday talking about what we did wrong," Smallman said.

"He works on various aspects of the game with individuals and always finds faults for us to try and correct no matter how convincingly we win.

"Last year we played a lot of long balls out of defence and systematically pumped high balls at our main striker Gus MacLeod.

"Now we're playing a lot more through the middle of the park and the forwards are getting used to a different style of game.

"There has been a noticeable difference and improvement in players' performances — most particularly Paul Lewis, who has grown in confidence and is fending off defenders like they weren't there. To my mind he is without doubt the best striker in Australia now."

Smallman's chequered career includes 38 goals for Wrexham in the English second and third division, seven appearances for Wales, a transfer to Everton in the first division and two broken legs.

The current water restrictions are taking their effect on Melbourne soccer grounds.

A big number of pitches are threadbare and bumpy from lack of watering during the summer.

Preston's O'Connor Reserve is probably among the worst with cracks appearing on what was previously one of the better playing surfaces of the National League.

It's amazing what 90 minutes and shock result can do to a proposed transfer.

In Paul Kay's case it appears to have brought a big change of heart in his decision whether or not to join South Melbourne.

The midfielder — back in Australia after 18 months with Charlton Athletic — told me he had agreed on terms with Rale Rasic and was "99 per cent sure of signing" as we walked into Olympic Park for South's Ampol Cup semi-final clash with Green Gully.

The percentage went down to "the low nineties" while he sat in the announcer's box watching Gully in the progress of causing the big 2-0 upset.

Later in the night he is known to have told players from another club there was no chance of joining South.

And he confirmed that the following morning when talking to Victorian State coach Tim White

while waiting for the plane back to Sydney.

All that left two newspapers with egg on their faces after running big stories on the player having already signed for the club.

And the best coach Rale Rasic would come up with in the way of excuses was a family illness.

Tony Owen, the exciting young discovery from Hellas-Hakoah who had been expected to gain promotion to the South Melbourne National League side, has been discarded by coach Rale Rasic.

Owen, who almost caused a transfer furore last year because of his move up to the National League side for one game and subsequent return to the Hellas side, has decided this summer to play cricket and has not trained at all at South.

Rasic who rates dedication as one of the most important factors in a player's make-up, has rubbed the player off his plans.

"He is a dead body as far as I'm concerned. He can start looking for another club," Rasic said.

Exit for Salvo

Marcelo Salvo is set to become another top Victorian to be lost to the big Sydney clubs.

The midfielder was in Costa Rica with the Young Socceroos and will almost certainly be going to Mexico for the World Youth Championship finals in June.

Yet not one Victorian NSL club has lifted a finger to try to sign him in the few days he spent with his family in Melbourne on his return to Australia.

He has now decided to stay on at the Institute of Sport in Canberra for his second year and left Melbourne last week.

"The Institute is the best thing that happened to me so I won't be losing anything by going back," Salvo said before leaving.

"I don't know whether I'll stay the whole year though — I suppose I'll have to decide after the World Youth Cup."

"I would like to join a National League club but it depends on whether the club is willing to give me what I want," Salvo trained with Heidelberg before going to Costa Rica but says he was not happy at the club.

The midfielder played for South Melbourne's second division side up till 1981 but fell out over a maximum transfer clause he wanted inserted in a new contract.

"I wouldn't mind playing in Sydney if the right offer came along even though my family is over here in Melbourne," he said.

Salvo is competing for a central midfield position with Jim Patikas, Russell Stewart and Luciano Fabrizio in the Young Socceroo side.

Egan says yes in bed

By Fred Villiers

Charlie Egan has settled his differences with South Melbourne, and has agreed to sign a two years contract.

Following extensive negotiations with coach Rale Rasic, Egan accepted what he described as "a fair deal for both parties" and reserved his position in the South Melbourne line-up for the following two years.

The Egan saga started last December, after Rasic had refused to satisfy his demands for renewal of his contract.

Charlie had joined South Melbourne from State League club Frankston City on a year's contract.

His first year in the National League, was more than successful. He scored 20 goals, to become the top scorer of the club and runner-up to John Kosmina in the National League goal scoring chart.

By the end of the season, offers were coming thick and fast. Heidelberg United, Preston and Canberra City, made some tempting offers, as Egan appeared resolute to capitalise on his success.

Meantime South Melbourne, blatantly refused to meet his "extraordinary demands" and the player's future in the National League was at a limbo for almost three months.

The break-through was achieved on Tuesday afternoon, when Rasic called at Egan's flat to comfort him for the ankle injury he sustained in the state match against Queensland.

Egan made the announcement from his bed.

"I am delighted", he told the A.S.W. "The matter has been resolved in an amicable way, and I am looking forward to a tremendous season."

Egan described the agreement as "a fair deal for both parties." "There were differences, he said, but I went over them with Rasic and worked out a deal which totally satisfies both parties. At least, I am pleased with Rasic's final offer."

Egan's prime aim for the new season is the elusive top goal scorer award.

"I came so close to it last year but failed to climb to the top. This year, I am positive I will celebrate my first major win in the National League."

Charlie predicts a great season for his team.

"A lot of critics rushed to write us off, because of our mediocre performances in the Ampol Cup. It is totally unfair and unrealistic, to write a

team off while it is testing its strength," he complained.

"I ask the critics whether they took notice of the fact that in the three games we played for the Ampol Cup Rasic never fielded the same side. He tried different players in his attempt to appraise all available players. Also, I remind them that in the last two games we missed the valuable services of our three internationals, and I am referring to Steve Blair, Alan Davidson and Bobby Russell. Under the circumstances, I doubt whether any team would have pulled through the competition."

Egan is speaking very highly of Kenny Murphy and Bobby Russell, South's new recruits for the season.

"Both are brilliant players," he asserts. "Bobby has strengthened the defense and Kenny has become, already, the leader of the team. With three internationals in our defense line (Russell-Davidson-Blair) and with Murphy leading the midfield, we will be a force to contend with in the championship."

Egan has set himself a new target. The green and gold gurnsey.

"I will fight to achieve the ultimate," he says quite enthusiastically. "I have always wanted to become a regular in the national team, a dream which remains unfulfilled at the moment, because of my temporary visa status. As soon as I am granted Australian citizenship, I will try my best to attract Les Scheinflug's attention."

Having won only one game against Northcote City in the Buffalo Cup competition, newly-promoted State League side, Box Hill, is not worried about its prospects in the big time this year.

Coach Bill Murray says: "I have confidence we'll survive in the State League. I'm not worried about the future."

"I think we'll go on to better things. I have confidence in my boys. They have improved."

Bill, who is in his fourth year with the club, has had wide experience having played with Essendon Lions during Jimmy Rooney's days there.

Although the Hillmen were beaten 5-0 recently by South Melbourne's State League side, he says his side did well as they held South to a goalless draw at half time.

He said it was a pity Ian Roodhouse protested about a penalty because he was sent off. He said he was prepared to accept the result as the game turned against the Hillmen.



Charlie Egan: Dispute settled

Brown wants to quit Preston

By Peter Desira

Doug Brown is at loggerheads with Preston over a new contract and has been placed on the transfer list... for \$30,000.

"I have said all along that I don't want any unhappy players in my club, even if they are world beaters. We will allow players to move but, of course, we expect to be compensated reasonably for the player in question," said president John Branov.

Branov stresses that the figure is negotiable but adds that Brown is one of the best strikers in Australia and "good strikers don't come cheap."

Branov says that quite naturally Brown is "not too pleased" by the big figure but adds that it was the player who requested a move and was not the club's wish.

The president added that the club "certainly couldn't agree to the figure Brown is asking for."

Whether the winger continues to play in the team is a matter for the club's coach and team manager to decide but the president certainly has no objection to the player taking his place in the side providing he pulls his weight and gives 100 per cent.

Preston is naturally disappointed at missing out on a spot in the semis of the Ampol Cup especially since South Melbourne

made it with a similar record to Preston's three draws.

"It certainly is a let-down but it's partly our own fault. We can't rely on luck to get us through. We should have beaten Juventus in the last match," Branov said.

The club won't be panicking about the uncertain start to the season however.

"We have already strengthened the team with Zarko Odzakovic. He has played only one game, but in that he showed enough to prove his track record at Vardar is accurate. I expect he will be a big asset for the club and will make our midfield much stronger," the president said.

Preston expects another midfielder to arrive from Scotland in the next fortnight.

The player, Alec Livingstone, is a regular at Albion Rovers in the second division and has a nose for goals.

The club also is still very interested in Box Hill striker Scott Patterson and will resume negotiations once the player shrugs off a minor injury.

Branov sees Patterson as long range proposition and doesn't expect the player to be the immediate answer to Preston's forward line problems.

Villiers' Volleys

By Fred Villiers

Palinkas back

Joe Palinkas, the Brisbane City star, has returned to Victoria where he's joined his old mentor, Cedo Cirkovic. But this time it's not with Footscray but with Cedo's new State League club, Fawkner.

Joe had been seen for the past few weeks at Olympic Park sitting with Cedo on the bench watching the Ampol Cup games. It was on the cards he'd be back and now he's on loan to the Italian sponsored club who vie with Brunswick Juventus this year to be the best Italian club in the league.

Big league

Bulleen Veneto, who last season won promotion from Provisional League division two to division one, have left no stone unturned in their preparation this year.

So far they've played practice games against State League sides Northcote and Morwell Falcons and also against Metropolitan League division four side, Essendon.

Dove star

Sean Keogh, the former Croydon reserve keeper, is now making a name for

Trip called off

Melbourne Croatia were to visit Hobart next weekend for two games — against the Hobart Croatian side and a Tasmanian select.

But because of demands on hotel accommodation they were unable to obtain a booking.

The trip has been postponed until later in the year.

Georgie looks good

George Cross are busy team building. Last week they signed Gerry Bennett the South Melbourne midfielder-full back. Now they're looking for two more first-class players.

Club president Alf Zahra says: "We have our eyes on two more South Melbourne stars — Duncan Cummings and John Stevenson."

The other problem the club have is the lack of junior coaches. Men are required for the under 14, 16 and 18 sides.

Campbell as coach

Frank Campbell used to star as a full back for Preston Makedonia. Now he's making a name for himself as a coach.

His latest effort is with Prahran City. Frank's new club has just won the Dak-toga Cup beating Rosanna 2-0 in the final.



Joe Palinkas

The rivalry will be keen and perhaps the best thing going for Fawkner is their first-class ladies' working committee. Although Juventus have had more experience in top company they can't compete with Fawkner for their administration particularly the social side of their activities.

Cedo says he'll play Palinkas, who is 28 and looking fit and sun-tanned, on the wing.

himself with State League side, Doveton.

In recent Buffalo Cup games he's been the Doves' man of the match and he's earned himself a big following from Doveton fans.

One supporter said this week: "He is in my opinion the best young goalkeeper in the state at 21 years of age yet he never gets any mention. All the papers concentrate on the popular clubs and the old, well known players."

"I feel he should be understudying Jeff Oliver and Dennis Bolland for state keeper."

Ref to play

Carlo Graser won't be seen as a referee this season. He's decided to give away his whistle and play again.

Carlo has rejoined Bulleen Veneto as their midfielder and captain in their quest to win promotion to the Metropolitan League.

One thing is certain. All the Bulleen players will know the laws of the game before 1984. Carlo is certain to explain in detail after each game why the whistle-man made certain decisions.

Carlo's vice captain is Steve Zecchin, team manager is John Dell'Aquila, publicity is Pat Saladino's responsibility and 'Lucky' Poropat is contract manager at the club.

New approach

Green Gully coach, Len McKendry, admits his team's success in playing in the Ampol Cup final this year is due to the hard training he's been giving his charges.

"I've based our training on NSL standards," he said. "We've been training four times a week and it certainly has paid off."

Cup success

George Wallace, secretary-manager of the VSF, admits this year's Victorian Ampol Cup series was the best on record for gate takings and crowd.

He expects the Cup winner to get about \$23,000 in prizemoney. Not bad for a local competition.

And according to Rale Rasic, manager-coach of South Melbourne, the Cup series is "the best organised soccer competition in Australia."

Victims helped

By Fred Villiers

National Soccer League clubs and State League clubs will combine to play a big match to aid victims of the recent fire disaster in Victoria.

The game — NSL X1 v SL X1 — takes place under lights at Melbourne's Olympic Park, on Wednesday, March 19, at 8.15.

Arrangements for the match are being made by a committee headed by Michael Weinstein, chairman of the VSF, and Sam Papasavas, president of the National League.

Other committee members are Arnold Langer, VSF board member, Vito Cilauri, chairman of the State League, and Tony Kovac, past president of Footscray.

All players and officials will give their services free on the evening.

Olympic Park committee of management have given the Park without charge for the occasion and only the best players in the State will be asked to take part in the match.

Fans are asked to bring a friend on the evening to help swell the appeal.

Melita juniors need a roost

It is getting close to the time that the dispute over the affiliation of Melita Eagles Junior Soccer Club to the Granville Association should be resolved.

Melita originally applied for membership of the Association, but they were rejected on the grounds that there are too many clubs in

By Keith Gilmour

the South Granville-Chester Hill area from which they operate.

The area around Everley Park and Melita Stadium borders on the Bankstown District territory, and apparently it was felt that the existence of another club

might encroach on their territory also.

Actually Melita's appeal to be allowed to play was handled by the Amateurs' Sydney Branch, and a decision went in their favour.

Granville Association exercised their right of appeal to the NSW Amateur Federation and the earlier approval was reversed.

The NSW body did at least suggest that Melita might sponsor one of the local junior soccer clubs.

No doubt this was on the basis that, with clubs of the area on side, they could expect to be accepted in 1984.

One underlying factor is that Auburn State League First Division and Parramatta City Second Division club both draw on Granville District players.

The last club to enter the district is Melita Eagles and they certainly are the most successful at present.

Melita operates in under 13, 14, 15 and 16 grades in the NSW Youth League.

There is the distinct feeling, and it has some weight, that senior clubs should rely at most on their Youth League teams.

This line of reasoning says that senior clubs should not enter the youngest grades, but work to get the support of the multiplicity of junior clubs that come from their own area.

But Melita is entitled to point out that the bird has already flown the coup.

In other districts several National Soccer League clubs such as Leichhardt and Marconi operate right through the grades.

Simply stated, there is ample precedent for Melita to be accepted in the same way.

Clubs such as Melita are turning out some of Australia's best soccer products at present.

Perhaps the question should, by some administrative process, be reviewed so that Melita, with the excellent Everley Park grounds right at hand, do not have to wait yet another season before they are admitted.

Maybe the club and the Association could still get together in the friendship of sports.

Abonyi at Dural



Attila Abonyi

Former Soccerroo Attila Abonyi, left without a coaching position when the Riverwood State League Club changed from employing him as a fulltimer, is now resident coach at Englefield Stadium at Dural.

Atti is coaching after school and at weekends.

Teams can play their Saturday games and book in to the excellent accommodation until Sunday evening.

Abonyi is also giving tips to team coaches in a bid to provide lasting ideas to benefit the young players.

Englefield Stadium has facilities good enough to meet the exacting requirements of the national team.

There is an excellent swimming pool and a spa was recently installed.

The ground and the practice pitch are in first class condition. Keen soccer man Bill Englefield says that the main field will receive considerable use, but he is planning to see that the turf is not overused.

KEITH GILMOUR'S JUNIOR SCENE

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Properly conducted no-pressure soccer for youngsters has proved a winner throughout many parts of Australia. Social days for parents and supporters of junior soccer clubs go down well. Here some youngsters race for the winning line in a sports day conducted by Sydney club Chullora.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

Here are all the winners and place-getters for the NSW Youth League and Metropolitan Championships for 1982.

1. GROUP PLACINGS

(Group 1)

| UNDER 13 | UNDER 14 | UNDER 15 | UNDER 16 |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Stnn. Dists. | Polonia | Syd. Olympic | Leichhardt |
| Leichhardt | Kuringai | Kuringai | Syd. Olympic |
| Bankstown | Syd. Olympic | Ctl. Coast | Polonia |
| Gladesville | Leichhardt | M'ville Olym. | Melita |

(Group 2)

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| Granville | St. George | Marconi | St. George |
| Nepean | Marconi | Canterbury | Illawarra |
| St. George | Granville | St. George | Manly |
| Canterbury | Bks'town City | Sutherland | Blk'town City |

2. FINAL PLACINGS SYDNEY 1, 2, & 3

| UNDER 13 | UNDER 14 | UNDER 15 | UNDER 16 |
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Sydney 1

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| Stnn. Dists. | Polonia | Marconi | Leichhardt |
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Sydney 2

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| Granville | Kuringai | Canterbury | St. George |
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Sydney 3

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| Nepean | Syd. Olympic | Syd. Olympic | Manly |
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3. POLONIA CUP

| UNDER 13 | UNDER 14 | UNDER 15 | UNDER 16 |
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| Illawarra | Avala | Blk'town City | Sutherland |
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| Manly | Canterbury | Riverwood | M'ville Olym. |
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4. METROPOLITAN CHAMPI (NSHIPS)

| UNDER 10 | UNDER 11 | UNDER 12 |
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Sydney 1

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| Canterbury | Granville | Nepean |
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Sydney 2

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| Nepean | Sutherland | Illawarra |
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Sydney 3

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| Granville | Stnn. Dists. | Bankstown |
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MINI AMPOL CUP

Sunday March 6

Proctor Park Bathurst

12 noon, Ku-ring-gai v Western NSW

Bates Drive

9.30am Canterbury v Sutherland

10.45 am Bankstown v St George

Ernie Smith Reserve

9.30 am Granville v Southern Dists

10.45 am Gladesville v Blacktown

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Illawarra in Group B
Nepean v Manly in Group A, byes

Big future

It is impossible to do other than paint a bright picture of their future as one of the big clubs in NSW soccer.

As Laurie Dimech, the Eagles' secretary sees it, they are being frozen out of a place that they should have.



This fine action shot of Ku-ring-gai playing Manly-Warringah in an under 13 Metropolitan Championship match was taken by Anthony Mobbs. The match was played at Asquith Park in Sydney.

Age groups under seven and below are to play small-sided games on reduced size pitches this year.

All games are to be non-competitive as well.

The new rules were laid down at the annual meeting of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

The principles behind the move are generally accepted but strangely enough their application will be premature in many areas.

Whilst big and relatively wealthy associations such as Ku-ring-gai, the leaders in the movement, are well geared to operate this way, there are the less affluent associations who certainly are not.

And they will have no

chance of affording small goal posts and more small grounds to implement the rules this year.

There should have been a lot more flexibility allowed, with the rules being brought in if necessary over two or even three seasons.

And that is especially so in the current climate of recession, with its particular effect on small country associations and others where the money supply is well down.

It is one thing to go along to the National Junior Soccer Council and to National

Flexibility vital for under sevens

Coaching Director Eric Worthington and say "New South Wales has implemented the rule this year."

But it borders on the stupid to do so where it is at the expense of the kids in certain cases.

Many Associations will have to continue on as they are this year, and bring in the rule when they can afford to do so.

On any rational analysis it is the only way for them to go, and to keep the soccer flag flying for the youngest groups.

NORTHSIDE NEEDS UNDER-21 LEAGUE

An appeal has gone out from Lindfield Soccer Club official Robert Forrai for entries to an under-21 competition to encompass Sydney's northside.

Ku-ring-gai Association has received four under-21 entries, and the objective is to seek out enough teams from adjoining Manly-Warringah and Gladesville-Hornsby to conduct a competition in the grade.

The idea is a good one and well worthy of support by Ku-ring-gai's neighbours.

Robert Forrai sees it this way: "Last year's under-18 teams either have to battle it out in a very low all-age division where skills are not as good as they are accustomed to, or they give the

game away. "I think the best move by far is to use under-21 as a bridge, even if it means the teams travel anywhere from Manly to Gladesville and Hornsby.

"In very many cases the travel involved will be less for the teams than we have experienced in Ku-ring-gai's district by itself.

"For example we at Lindfield would have no trouble getting to Manly Vale or Allambie."

Why shouldn't the clubs with under-21 and potential under-21 teams and the respective Association secretaries get their heads together?

Point of contact could be Ku-ring-gai secretary Rod Woods on 44-7069.

NZ TEAM TO NEWCASTLE

Yet another top New Zealand School will visit Northern NSW this year.

Henderson High from Auckland has finalised plans for a visit in July.

The school plays in the A. Division of the Auckland Schools Competition.

Because of the shortness of the tour, July 3-9, they will only be able to play in and around Newcastle.

Their host schools will be Cessnock, Cardiff and Whitebridge.

— Bill Turner

Help for schools

Once again the Northern NSW Soccer Federation Directors have earmarked funds towards the Bill Turner Cup series.

Directors will announce the 1983 grant to the schools federation shortly.

Last year the Newcastle Permanent Building Society Ltd. were also most generous in their financial support.

And a teacher who has been a driving force for soccer at Lambton High has been transferred out to Booragah High this year.

He is Dudley Lewis a coach and administrator of considerable ability.

New venue for Canberra

A tragic mix-up in bookings has meant a new venue for Canberra Arrows first real test of 1983 — their first round Cup-tie against Wollongong on March 5.

It will not be played at Bruce Stadium but under the floodlights at Queanbeyan's Seiffert Oval.

Kick-off time remains the same at 7pm and for the first time the Arrows should be at full strength.

Duncan Cole, George Christopoulos and Gary Byrne will all be available — though doubt hangs over striker Tony Brennan who badly ricked an ankle in a recent pre-season friendly against Blacktown.

Marin ill

Marin Alagich, for so long one of the mainstays of Yugal Soccer Club, has had a serious operation.

He is currently located on the fourth floor, E Wing, at the Prince of Wales Hospital in High Street, Randwick.

Wark here...

Alex Wark, brother of Ipswich and Scotland striker John, is on the lookout for a new club in the Metropolitan League.

The defender was training with St Albans but has decided against a move to the club now being coached by Billy Vojtek.

Wark is on Bell Park's books and previously played for Albion Rovers in the State League.



Due to a tricky camera angle, the ball zooming into the net appears bigger than all these kids put together!

Gateshead revisited

By Bill Turner

Gateshead High School will field another top side in the Rudy Roth Trophy competition this year.

In 1982 this magnificent girls' side remained undefeated throughout the season, winning the local Rudy Roth Trophy as well as the CHS 'Ku-ring-gai Cup'.

The team, led by defender Megan Coldwell, had no weak links and they consistently backed each other up when the opposition was on the attack.

With the 'goal scoring machine' Shelley Bagwell on target in every game, the 'Gateshead Girls' were always capable of running up a big score.

One fixture not reported in A.S.W. last year was their win in the Rudy Roth Trophy final.

The match had been delayed as a number of games had backlogged in the Ku-ring-gai Cup series plus several of the players being on call for state fixtures.

By the time the match was played (in third term) the only ground available was at Merewether High who were their opponents.

But ground disadvantage meant nothing to the all-conquering Gateshead side who ran out clear winners seven goals to two.

Again it was Shelley Bagwell who destroyed the opposition defence.

She appeared to mesmerise the Merewether girls time after time and brilliantly scored four of the goals.

Susan Meeks and Tanya White scored the rest.

For Merewether State representative player Helen Watts scored both goals, in a side that boasted an Australian cup, Leah Wright, and well performed Mardi Cameron.

Gateshead with most of last year's players still available for coach Miss Denise Collins, should be a solid force again in 1983.

AMONG THE GIRLS

—with Don Balmain

Although the National Women's Championships are still months away, preparations right around Australia are being made for the great trek westward.

Once every decade or so, the championships are held in Perth.

The nationals will be held from August 24 to September 2.

Because of the wear on one ground during the carnival in which there are 42 games played, the Perth City Council has decreed that two grounds must be used.

The program is in the process of being drawn up and to cover all of these games, matches will be played at two venues and will include night matches.

On present indications, the night games will be played at Mt. Hawthorn. The day games will be played on the billiard-like surface at Dorrien Gardens.

Both of these locations are north of the city, yet still only minutes away from the city centre.

Whilst the local soccer scene has been slumbering, things have been happening on the international front.

The inaugural meeting of the Women's Oceania Football Association was held in Auckland, N.Z. at the end of the last season.

The first President of the Oceania group is Karen Donaldson, the President

of the New Zealand Women's Soccer Association.

Our own 'first lady of soccer', Elaine Watson of Queensland, was elected vice-president. Mrs. Watson is the President of the A.W.S.A.

Representatives of the China-Taipei women's soccer team who were touring New Zealand at that time, were interested observers.

The President of the Fijian Women's Soccer Association, Sashi Singh, offered the ground and the facilities of the Suva Soccer Association for the holding of the first Oceania Cup.

The Arncliffe-Scots women's team, with some guest players, took on the best of the women's soccer teams at the Roayl Hawaiian Championships towards the end of the 1982 season.

Coached by Alan Lytton, the team played through to the semi-finals before being forced out.

This team from the strong St. George (Sydney) district contained some past Australian players and did very well to go as far as it did.

Seminar

With the exception of South Australia and Nth. Queensland, delegates from all States attended a two-day seminar in Sydney during mid-January.

Originally arranged for a 'meet-the-people' exer-

cise, the amount of work achieved at the conference has made sure that it will be an annual event.

In a questionnaire sent to all States last year, the answers clearly indicated that there was not enough communication between players and officials.

This situation was changed at the national titles last year in Brisbane when all of the national executive made themselves known to players and officials of the various States.

The scheme paid off with valuable comments being received from players for the improvement of the running of the A.W.S.A.

With the excellent co-operation of the N.S.W. management committee, the difficult task of bringing all interstate delegates from Sydney airport was performed smoothly.

Due to a fire where the conference was to be held, the Canberra-Oriental hotel came to the rescue and provided alternative accommodation with less than one week's notice.

Several important items were discussed at the conference.

As the last day of competition at the national titles was traditionally 'flat' due to a lack of spectator interest from competing teams, it was suggested that interest would be maintained if all teams stayed at the ground all day on the final round of competition.

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(Details are awaited of the secretary of the Shoalhaven District Soccer Association, which is based on Nowra and surrounding districts).



The Castle Hill skipper receives the trophy As NSW Under 16 Champion of Champions winners from Mrs Fay Bates At Seymour Shaw Park. The series includes Division 1 winners from all over Southern NSW, in what is surely one of the most remarkable competitions in junior sport in Australia.

Charlie Perkins

Battle at Campbelltown

By David Jack

With Newtown Rugby League club moving out of Sydney to find a new home in Campbelltown, soccer in the southern district faces a serious challenge.

Barry Davies from the Campbelltown City club said: "We have to start worrying about attendances at our home games if rugby league takes a hold."

"We cannot afford to lose young players, or their parents, to the other code."

"In this area, League has a big following at senior level, although among the kids, it is only a minor sport. But we'll have to watch the situation in 1983 because League is pouring thousands of dollars into the Newtown-Campbelltown set-up."

Campbelltown City play in the third division of the NSW Soccer Federation but they're ambitious enough to aim a lot higher than that.

They are undergoing a big transformation with a sponsor virtually taking over the club.

The sponsor is The Big Horn Country Club, based at the Homebush Abattoirs.

President of the Country Club, David Cawley, has been installed as president of the Campbelltown Soccer club.

The sponsor has plans to build a licensed club on Campbelltown's excellent Linwood Park ground.

The ground itself is fully enclosed and has a perfect playing surface: indeed, well-known NSW coach Denes Adrigan visited the ground last week and said it was one of the best he'd seen for a long time.

Thanks to the Big Horn Country Club, Campbelltown City last week imported a star visa player, Craig Lumsdaine from Scottish League club, Berwick Rangers.

"The player was valued at \$100,000 in the UK so we're hoping for big things from him," said Barry Davies.

Lumsdaine, whose brother plays for Blacktown City, was given the VIP treatment on arrival with a reception at the Big Horn headquarters.

Things are certainly looking promising for Campbelltown City Soccer club... the only headache being the spectre of big-time rugby league invading their domain!

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Ghosts of Korea haunt Azzurris

The shockwaves following Italy's miserable 1-1 draw with Cyprus in Limasol registered 10 on the Richter-scale in Italy — enough to topple the whole Federation and send manager Enzo Bearzot packing.

least three goals."

Only goalie Zoff, striker Graziani and second half replacement Ancelotti played acceptably — all the others were total failures, including the great Paulo Rossi.

All the World Cup heroes

will no longer be able to postpone a clean-out in his team.

Several swollen heads will fall: Rossi, Gentile, Cabrini and some others could be dropped from the team.

Some of the Italian news-



Veteran Italian goalie Dino Zoff: saved total collapse in Cyprus.

The Italian soccer public and press simply cannot understand how their world champions could have fallen so deep and so fast since the heady days of last July.

In fact, since the World Cup Italy have not even won a game: two draws in the European Championship against Czechoslovakia and Rumania, a stunning home defeat in a friendly against Switzerland and now this draw in Cyprus is their dismal record.

Before the Limasol match manager Enzo Bearzot told the Press: "I will not be happy with just a win — I want a win by at

played in Limasol except one, midfield dynamo Bruno Conti. But not even the Italians dare mention this as an excuse. After all, Cyprus is the bottom ranked team in Europe.

The Italian "tifosi" gave the team a rapturous welcome-home at Rome airport: the usual rotten tomatoes plus cries of "Korea," recalling the 1966 World Cup debacle of the Azzurris.

The critical Italian Press openly admits that even the draw could be called a lucky one.

In the last minute a Cypriot striker faced only Zoff — and missed.

Now manager Bearzot

papers found picturesque adjectives and phrases to comment on the Limasol debacle.

"La Gazzetta dello Sport" said: "From triumph to utter humiliation in seven months."

"Le Corriere Sportivo": "Limasol has confirmed that our national team is dead. We have been deceived, we demand changes; this team is finished."

Added "La Gazzetta": "Our team plays now as if their World Cup win of last year guaranteed them eternal glory. For them the road ended in Madrid. Now they're merely duping the Italian fans."

No undress?

Rome's Brazilian ace Falcao recently spent a few days in his home town, Rio, to take in the annual carnival.

He was staying in the same hotel as voluptuous actress Ursula Andress.

However, Falcao denied any hint of a romance with the traditional "we're just good friends."

Franz: no

Franz Beckenbauer is still in demand.

Recently, while an official guest of Botafogo in Rio for the annual carnival, he was offered a brief engagement.

Beckenbauer declined. "Cosmos have also asked me to make a come-back," he said, "but I don't think I could again make the sacrifices needed to play at the top."

Aly money

Former Scotland manager Ally McLeod — The 14 Australian Soccer Weekly

Mouth — earned some \$50,000 from his "writings" during the 1978 World Cup and soon after.

That, he must have felt, compensated him for his terrible failure and undignified exit.

But now, there's a new blow for Ally: the British Tax Office wants its share of the loot.

Barcelona are furious about judgments handed down by UEFA following the disgraceful European Cup match against Aston Villa at Villa Park.

The Spanish club was fined \$30,000 and four of their players were suspended. Marcos was ousted for five games on a spitting charge, Urruti is out for four games after allegedly dropping his shorts and kicking Gordon Cowans; Alberto copped a two-match ban and Manolo one match.

Villa's Allan Evans was suspended for one game.

UEFA also said that Barcelona would be banned from European competitions if they didn't behave better. The club has been fined three times in six months.

Barcelona vice-president Nicolau Sasas reacted with the comment:

"UEFA should not be allowed to repeat this sort of unfair punishment. The fine is not important but the warning of a European ban is completely out of place."

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England has had eight captains in its last 16 international matches, indicating serious lack of stability.

Team manager Bobby Robson says: "It is not a situation I like, but it has been forced on us."

The new skipper for last week's match against Wales was goalkeeper Peter Shilton.

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There has been a lot of conjecture about the exact fee TV offered for English club games. The figure was \$8,000,000 over the next two years — with coverage restricted to 26 weeks each year.

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Nottingham Forest has lost the services of Norwegian international Einer Aas, forced through injury into premature retirement.

Aas cost Forest \$350,000, but pelvic trouble has kept him out of action since November 1981. After treatment from specialists in England, Norway and West Germany, Aas admitted: "Nobody can solve the problem. I must quit."

Forest boss Brian Clough commented: "I feel sorry for the lad because I know, from personal experience, what he's gone through."

Clough also battled crippling injury when he played for Sunderland and had to end his playing career.

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Qualification for England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales still needs to be tidied up because it is an international mix-up.

Take the case of Luton Town's Brian Stein. He was born in South Africa but holds a British passport. That meant he could play international football for any one of the four home countries.

Wales asked him to join their squad but Stein said he'd rather not commit himself... in case England's Bobby Robson wanted him.

Last week, Robson did, in fact, select the Luton striker for his England squad. The match was against Wales... and Stein's selection didn't make Welsh officials very happy.

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Brighton made the F.A. Cup headlines when they won at Liverpool but they cannot lure fans into the ground for home games.

When the team was promoted to the first division four years ago, it averaged home gates of 25,000. This season the average is 13,000.

Brighton chairman Mike Bamber said: "I don't know any club in England with the same crowd problem that affects us."

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Spurs could be having sleepless nights when they think about Everton.

The F.A. Cup holders were bundled out of the Cup this year by Everton. And, on the same Goodison Park ground, Spurs were shattered 5-0 by Everton in the F.A. Youth Cup fourth round tie.

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World Cup referee Clive Thomas is a great public relations man for football, enjoying an after-match drink and chat with supporters most weekends.

Now, however, he has had to forego that pleasure.

The F.A. is getting tough about its rules which prohibit referees accepting hospitality at grounds after games. One referee, Alex Hamil, was suspended for two matches for breaking that rule.

Thomas — rated the best ref in the UK — is now planning to lobby the authorities to get the rule changed. "In this case, maybe the League is in the wrong," said Thomas.

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"You-can-do the job — accept it." That's what John Bond told John Benson. Bond had just resigned as Manchester City manager and Benson was doubtful about succeeding him! They are great pals.

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The Bond father-and-son partnership at Maine Road has broken up. John Bond quit as Manchester City manager but his son Kevin says he will remain with City.

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BRITAIN CALLING

Watford's brand of all-action, hell-for-leather, football has taken the club to near the top of the English first division but it is a style which doesn't please everyone.

Allen Wade, sacked six months ago as top coach at the English F.A., says: "Playing the Watford way worries me. It could kill the game. The minds of players are drilled irrespective of their own inclinations. I'm campaigning for 'real' football."

Wade accepts that he will be accused of sour grapes.

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England has never taken international youth soccer seriously... as was proved when they sent a sub-standard squad to Australia to play in the 1981 World Youth Championships.

Recently, the F.A. asked all clubs to recommend youngsters for Youth representative duty but the response was disappointing.

Believe it or not, top club Liverpool did not nominate one player. They claimed they did not have a young player good enough!

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Corinthian Casuals, one of England's oldest clubs — they have stayed true blue amateur for 100 years — are losing their home ground.

It could be the end for the club which, for the past 15 years, has shared a ground with Tooting.

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Trevor Francis, out of action for five months with a severe thigh strain, made a comeback appearance for Italian club Sampdoria in a friendly game last week.

The English international striker — Britain's first million pound player — came through all right and scored a goal.

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Swansea City chairman Malcolm Struel will be reprimanded by the Welsh F.A. Struel referred to that body as "bumbling amateurs."

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Retired policeman Leslie Walker has been sent to Turin by the English F.A. as a peacemaker.

The F.A. is taking all precautions to avert crowd hooliganism in the Italian city when Juventus play Aston Villa in next month's European Cup second leg game.

Walker will talk to Turin police about the best way to avoid trouble from English fans.

He did a similar job in Spain before the World Cup and it was felt this largely helped to keep misbehaviour by British fans to a minimum.

An F.A. spokesman said: "The fact that Leslie Walker has gone to Turin is no reflection on Aston Villa or their fans. It is merely a service we provide to clubs playing in Europe."

Villa, in fact, are expected to take only a few hundred fans to Italy for the big game.

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The recession in UK football is really biting hard now. Ipswich Town, one of the better organised clubs, have had to introduce stringent economy measures — following the opening of their new \$2,000,000 grand stand.

In future directors will have to pay their own hotel bills at away matches; reserve games will start at 2.15 to avoid use of floodlights; telephone calls before 1 p.m. will be discouraged and staff vacancies will be filled by part-timers.

If one of the top clubs like Ipswich need such economies, how are the struggling clubs existing?

Incidentally, when Ipswich played Liverpool at Anfield recently, players went by motor coach instead of flying.

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Madrid is short of some pesetas

Real Madrid, perhaps Europe's most famous club, is in financial difficulties.

They have a debt of 1,000 million pesetas — close to \$10 million — and in recent weeks have had problems meeting the wages bill of players. Last December was the

first time in decades that the players failed to receive their usual Christmas bonuses — a month's salary.

The club that Don Santiago Bernabeu built from obscurity prospered until his death in 1978.

It was Bernabeu's brilliant leadership and man-

agement skills which made Real the envy of the football world.

His successors, however, have not had the same degree of success.

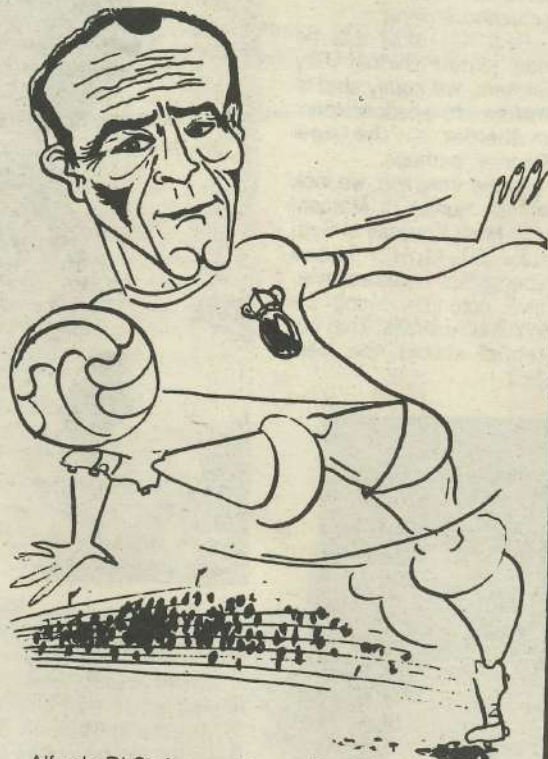
Real Madrid is a sports club where soccer, although the dominant one, is just one of the many sports.

And while soccer attendances have dropped in recent years, soccer itself would keep the club solvent.

It's some other sports — like basketball, boxing, athletics, tennis, volleyball, etc. — which drain the club's finances.

Apart from their magnificent stadium in the Chamartin district of Madrid — surrounded by a swimming pool, tennis courts, open-air terrace restaurant — the club also owns a clubhouse in the heart of the city and a training village a couple of miles from the stadium, called "Ciudad Deportiva" — sports city, with facilities for training in many sports.

Now the financial crisis may induce Real to tighten their belt somewhat and either cut back on their payments to the soccer stars or to drop some of the costly and unproductive other sports.



Alfredo Di Stefano — former Real Madrid great

Germans take cuts

Newcastle KB United isn't the only club which wants its players to take a pay cut.

Several highly paid West German stars were recently asked for the same — and they agreed.

Frank Mill went from \$130,000 a year to \$90,000, Bayern's Dieter Hoeness from \$160,000 to \$120,000 (despite big brother Uli being the manager...), Koln's Klaus Fischer from \$120,000 to \$100,000, etc.

Frankfurt have even announced that they would not honor long term contracts which guarantee huge wages (\$200,000 a year) to players like Bruno Pezzey and the Korean Tscha Bum.

In Germany, too, the belt tightening is on.

UEFA's plan for soccer hooligans

UEFA's guidelines on crowd control include:

1. CONTROL on the sale of tickets.
2. SEGREGATION for both inside the stadium, and to and from the matches.
3. PLAN carefully for matches when trouble is likely to occur.
4. PROHIBIT the sale of drink of any kind in bottles or cans inside the stadium.
5. PLAIN-CLOTHED police mingling with the crowd.
6. DISTRACTIONS and entertainments for the spectators before the game, with either curtain raiser match or music.
7. EXERT influence on the activities of supporter-clubs in order to obtain their help in avoiding incidents.

HOLLAND

Holland's slide continues: they lost 1-0 to Spain in Seville — despite having had several "foreign legionnaires" recalled, among them Krol (Naples), Metgod (Real Madrid), van der Korput (Torino) and Spelbos (FC Bruges).

ITALY

AC Milan hope to recruit some reinforcements in South America — they are negotiating with Gasparini of Argentina.

SWEDEN

Ronnie Hellstrom, Kaiserslautern's Swedish international goalie, will return to his homeland after May. "Ten years was enough away from Sweden," he says.

ENGLAND

The English Football League is considering a proposal which would lift the number of foreign players a club may sign from the present quota of two.

YUGOSLAVIA

After Hajduk's brother pair, Zoran and Zlatko Vujovic, Belgrad Red Star also have a pair in Bosko and Milko Djurovski.

Yugoslav manager Veselinovic has announced the name of 44 players who will form his large squad for all the 1983 internationals.

MEXICO

The Mexican government wants to call a national referendum to establish whether the population is behind a plan to stage the 1986 World Cup finals.

CANADA

Former Irish international and Leeds star Johnny Giles, now with Shamrock Rovers, has been earmarked to become manager of the Canadian Vancouver Whitecaps.

HUNGARY

International friendlies have lost all their appeal: the Polish Olympic team drew 500 spectators to their clash in Budapest with the Hungarian under-23 team — and lost 3-1 to the hosts.

BRAZIL

Brazilian ace Falcão, now leading AS Roma, on rumors that he is about to return home: "Why should I when I can live in the most beautiful city in the world?"

SPAIN

Troubled Valencia have lost their president, Jose Ramos Costa who was forced to resign under pressure. Valencia, despite having players like Kempes, Saura, Tendillo and Solsona, are likely to be relegated.

FC Barcelona have appealed against UEFA's \$30,000 fine imposed on the Catalan club for the behaviour of their fans in the Supercup match with Aston Villa.

Diego Maradona has recovered from his hepatitis and has started light training again with his club, Barcelona.

Barcelona president Senor Nunez recently announced that veteran striker Quini is over the hill and should go. Now the club's German coach Udo Lattek said that Quini was an "extraordinary professional" who should be able to serve the club for a bit longer. Who's right?

W. GERMANY

The terrible weather has played havoc with the quarterfinals of the West German Cup: three of the four matches had to be called off — and the fourth ended in a draw, after extra time, between Gladbach and second division Fortuna Koln, watched by a mere 5548 fans.

Barcelona's Bernd Schuster, out with a slight injury, took a week's holiday in a Swiss ski resort. "My two little daughters had never seen snow before," he explained his sudden departure.

NEWCASTLE'S NEW SUPERMAC

THE years are suddenly stripped away as the massed ranks of Newcastle supporters engulf St James' Park with chants of "Supermac".

It is difficult to resist looking instinctively for the revered bandy-legged figure of Malcolm Macdonald, whose goalscoring prowess installed him in Tyneside legend. Instead, however, the subject of the fans' devotion is a 17-year-old who still takes the bus to training and fulfils the routine chores of every soccer hopeful.

Neil McDonald accepts as inevitable that his progress will be punctuated by comparisons with his still-celebrated namesake.

They are different footballing animals, and Neil points out: "We do spell our names differently. I suppose, though, that it is natural to connect us, and if I do as well as Malcolm I'll be delighted."

Potential

Few informed critics in the North East doubt his potential to enjoy similar success — and McDonald's knack of courting controversy will undoubtedly prompt a wry smile from the current Fulham manager.

A gritty, combative force on the left side of midfield, Neil was established as one of the region's hottest properties when he signed associate schoolboy forms for Carlisle after starring for England schools.

His subsequent decision to join Newcastle enraged the Cumbrian club, who were awarded £5,000 compensation last summer by a Football League Tribunal.

It was an expensive, traumatic introduction. But since becoming the youngest player to play a full game for Newcastle earlier in the season he has shown all the hallmarks of a bargain.

He proved an able replacement for the injured David McCreery, and sums up: "I never dreamed I'd get the chance to play alongside Kevin Keegan. He sets a marvellous example to the younger players. It was the sort of experience that makes me excited to know that my future is with Newcastle."



Former Real Madrid president Santiago Bernabeu

You want to be a doctor? Go to Hungary

The Hungarian Football Association will suspend all players, coaches, referees and officials even suspected of being involved in the country's "Betting Scandal."

The FA has also announced that they would give full co-operation to police and the vice squad in their investigation.

So far, however, not one of the players has been named — but 26 unnamed people have been arrested.

In fact, the FA itself tends to distance itself from the scandal.

Last week its top-brass was "re-elected."

But elections in Hungary are strange affairs.

According to the official communiqué:

"The president of the

National Physical Culture and Sports Office (the supreme sports organisation of the country — Ed.) has appointed, ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, the following executive members...

Needless to say, the president and secretary both recommended themselves.

The president continues to be broadcaster Gyorgy Szepesi and the secretary former international star Miklos Pancsics.

Both have a "Dr." prefix before their names; Pancsics earned his in Physical Culture while Szepesi received his for "long services to soccer."

The executive now includes former star player Gyula Grosics.

What happened to "Class of 81"?

The clamour to promote Australia's national Youth team players to the full national team increased inevitably when news of last week's surprise 2-1 defeat came through from Auckland.

Many people, with little interest in soccer, or knowledge of the game, are asking: "Why don't they put the so-successful kids in now?"

In theory, it seems a good idea. The youngsters have had enormous praise heaped on them after getting good results in Acapulco, Port Moresby and Costa Rica. So the general sporting public now assumes that the Youth Socceroos are bet-

ter players than the real Socceroos!

Perhaps a few kids from the Youth squad — McCulloch, Patikas, Lowe — might make the huge jump from teenage soccer to "A" international status.

But coach Les Scheinflug must be applauded for taking the view that the young players have to crawl before they walk, and walk before they run.

Isn't it strange how soccer in Australia thinks only in terms of the "A" squad and the 1983 Youth squad? Whatever happened to the young players in between... those in neither group?

By David Jack

beckenbauer-type libero for whom Rudi Gutendorf searched so long.

Paul Kay, now that he has joined Sydney City Slickers, will surely start to mature into a national team midfielder — the new Rooney, perhaps.

In the front line, we look at Ian Hunter of Marconi and Mark Koussas of Sydney Olympic. These youngsters revealed massive potential during the WYC in Australia. That potential should now bear fruit.



Ian Hunter

choice for their country. These are the boys threatening to displace the more mature members of Scheinflug's present squad.

Alan Niven, Tony Hen-

derson, David Ratcliffe, Gary Byrne and Phil O'Connor should be looking over their shoulders. Their positions could be in jeopardy as the class of 81 graduates in 83.

An English breakaway?

The English first division will have to be slashed from its present 22 clubs to an elite competition of 16 clubs.

That is the startling opinion of Tottenham Hotspur's chairman Douglas Alexiou who claims the contraction will come "either by revolution or evolution."

In an outspoken assessment of the situation, Alexiou said: "A smaller League must come. Cracks in the structure are showing already. The bigger clubs must have a bigger say. At the moment, the big clubs are just propping up the lame ducks... the fit are being held back by the sick."

The Spurs boss believes a breakaway would be feasible immediately if the best 16 clubs got together and voted on it.

Talk of a breakaway is quite foreign to the conservative English administrators — it is a phrase used more often in Australia — but, make no mistake, there is a cash crisis in the UK which demands solution.

At least 80 per cent of UK clubs lose money every year and some have built up frightening debts.

Alexiou insists the smaller clubs would be much better off if they

employed part-time players and competed in regional leagues.



Kenny Dalglish

And he obviously feels the "upper crust" including the likes of Liverpool, Manchester United, Arsenal and, of course, Spurs would also be better off if they could cast adrift from the shackles of struggling teams.

Doubters will say there has been talk of an English, or even British, Super League for at least 50 years... and nothing has come of it.

The difference now, though, is that soccer has never faced as serious a financial crisis as it grapples with in 1983.



David Skeen

I think particularly about the "class of 81" which really put Youth soccer on the map in this country. These are the players who should now be knocking on the door to senior selection and heading the charge towards the 1986 World Cup.

Australia had an exceptionally talented Youth team in 1981: indeed coach Scheinflug said "it was a vintage crop, perhaps the best we will ever find in this age group."

Where are they now? Let's recap on some names.

Made grade

In defence, Robbie Wheatley has already made the full squad for the two matches against New Zealand. But David Skeen and Howard Tredinnick await the call.

Oscar Crino looked a real thoroughbred in the 1981 squad and with professional experience in Hong Kong under his belt, he should really start to fire for South Melbourne this season. He could be the

Jim Patikas is a veteran of two World Youth Championships but is still only a boy. Is he ready for promotion to the "A" squad?

The young players I have mentioned should be looking forward eagerly to the 1983 season. It should be the year for their big breakthrough. If it isn't, maybe they will never make it.

No doubt Les Scheinflug has an extensive dossier on them all and is keeping his fingers crossed that they blossom into true stars during the next seven months or so.

Australia has talent in plenty. Remember those names again: David Skeen, Howard Tredinnick, Oscar Crino, Paul Kay, Ian Hunter, Mark Koussas, Jim Patikas.

Steve Blair, Rob Wheatley, Peter Raskopoulos and David Mitchell are four of the new breed (heroes in the 1981 WYC) who have already made it as "A" internationals.

It would be nice to see Skeen, Tredinnick, Crino, Kay, Hunter, Koussas and Patikas joining them as first

FROM THE PRESS BOX

More and more, I tend to agree with those who argue that Les Scheinflug should stay in Australia with the Socceroos for the three-match series against England in June.

It's bad enough if England will send out an "ersatz" side without top internationals; it's worse if we further downgrade the series by handing over the national team to a surrogate coach.

It's most unfortunate that the England visit will clash with the World Youth Cup in Mexico. Obviously, the ASF never seriously hoped that we would make the final 16 when they set the dates for the England visit.

But now that we have this dual engagement on our hand, I feel the national team's interests must be given top priority.

It's tremendously pleasing to be doing so well at youth level — but it isn't quite the real thing. The World Cup is — and we seem to have an awful lot to do if we want to reach the 1986 finals there.

This clash of interests may induce the ASF to rethink its policy on the duties of the national coach.

In all countries, the senior and youth national sides have their own coaches. Not one of the 15 visiting countries who came here in 1981 for the World Youth Cup were led by the senior national coach.

Yes, yes, yes... I know: Luis Cesar Menotti did take an active role in Argentina's Youth team in 1979 and even helped in 1981. But that was because of the national team's long hiatus in their international program.

Scheinflug is doing a good job at present — but he cannot be expected to do a super-human one, planning the detailed program of two teams at the same time.

In recent months he has been yo-yoing from the seniors to the kids and back again. A continuation of this split role can only lead to errors — and bad results.

Separate coach?

The ideal would be to appoint a part-time national youth coach and leave Scheinflug with the seniors.

But even until this is done — if it's done — the ASF should very quickly find a suitable man to lead the Youth team to Mexico.

Frankly, Raul Blanco may not be the ideal choice. He is an excellent trainer, a skilful, industrious and dedicated assistant — but not a No. 1 man to organise and lead the side.

To put him in charge would be to pursue the classic Peter's Principles — promoting him out of his depth and ruining an excellent trainer.

There should be no shortage of suitable applicants for the Mexican tour: McKendry, Arok, Collins, Thomson, Rasic, etc. would all fit the bill — if their clubs released them.

If not, the ideal man would be Jim Shoulder now doing brilliantly with the AIS team in Canberra.

Sure, Shoulder failed with the national side in 1977 — but that was six years ago, when he was still under 30.

That faux pas should not disqualify him for ever especially in view of his recent results in Canberra.

Whatever the ASF ultimately decides, they ought to think seriously about sending Scheinflug to Mexico and handing over the Socceroos to a caretaker.

Our main international mission is the 1986 World Cup; the entire West Nally operation and involvement is based on that.

The three matches against England — as well as the preparations leading up to them — is a vital first step towards 1986.

We mucked it up in 1977 and again in 1981; let us at least learn from our own mistakes.

— Andrew Dettre

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